Bahrain extradites KAL suspect

BAHRAIN (AP) - A Korean Airlines (KAL) jet took off Monday for Seoul carrying the mysterious Asian woman linked to the disappearance of a Korean airliner with 115 people aboard, witnesses reported. The DC-10 jet, a cargo plane with very few windows, took off at 9:40 p.m. (1840 GMT) and was due to arrive in the South Korean capital early Tuesday afternoon. The cargo jet had been under strict guard over the previous 24 hours in a corner of Bahrain's international airport. The witnesses, who saw the takeoff from a distance, said there were about 20 vehicles around the plane just before departure. Knowledgeable witnesses said they believed the body of a man who committed suicide in Bahrain on Dec. 1 by swallowing poison has also brought aboard the plane. They also said they believed that Seoul's special envoy, Park Goo-Sil, and a team of Korean interrogators who had been in Bahrain for investigations, were aboard the plane. Bahraini officials said they would issue statements only after the woman's extradition had taken place.

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Iranian minister denies Khomeini ill

VIENNA (R) — Iranian Deputy Oil Minister Hossein Kazempour Ardebili denied press reports and rumours circulating in OPEC that Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini was seriously ill. "He's well and very healthy," Ardebili told reporters. Asked about reports that the Iranian leader had been replaced by a caretaker, Ardebili said: "No. nothing like that." Reports have been circulating that Khomeini was ill over the past two days. It was the first time an Iranian official in Vienna had made any comment. In recent years, reports that the 85-year-old leader was ill have been given wide circulation in the West. But Khomeini has repeatedly confounded those who believed his apparent frailty would force him to abandon power. He moved to Tehran from Qom in 1980 because of a heart complaint and has often cancelled his engagements for perhaps two weeks at a time to rest. Since then, there have been no reports of Khomeini leaving the north Tehran house where he lives surrounded by aides, fiercely loyal Revolutionary Guards, fortifications and anti-aircraft guns. The Times of London said on Monday he had regularly been on a kidney dialysis machine for the past year.

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AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Lighness Crown Prince Hassan nas received a message from Greek Orthodox Patriarch of ind had Arab Jerusalem Deodoros I voicng appreciation for his patronage n church of the Islamic-Christian meeting ield in Amman. In his message, he patriarch said that Prince Jassan's keenness on promoting and advancing relations between Christians and Muslims repreents the noblest feelings and effect his national and humanitaian aspirations and objectives.

Haj Hassan returns

MMAN (Petra) — Minister of abour and Social Development haled Al Haj Hassan returned ome on Monday after attending neetings of the Arab Social in Tunis.

Fordan to get \$40m 'nstein Vorld Bank loan

hand (VASHINGTON (R) — The World Bank said it would lend t Diock ordan \$40 million to improve the ountry's educational system. he money will be used to build 8 compulsory-level schools and) finance a pilot vocational progamme for girls in areas where emand for skilled workers has een growing.

Cuwait urges Aden o scrap sentences

UWAIT (R) - The emir of uwait urged South Yemen's overnment on Monday not to tecute 35 political opponents ntenced to death after a yearng trial. Sheikh Jaber Al hmad Al Sabah cabled South emeni President Haider Abu aker Al Attas asking him to escind the death sentences and - duce jail terms on others, the uwait News Agency (KUNA)

C gives \$2.5m id to Lebanon

RUSSELS (AP) — The Euro-ean Economic Community EC) Monday approved an nergency aid package of two illion European currency units 2.5 million) for Lebanon.

produleS., Israel sign minimilitary accord

ASHINGTON (R) — Israel d the United States signed an reement on Monday to coopere more closely on arms research d development, raising Israel the same military partnership itus as America's NATO allies. ne memorandum of understandg was signed at the Pentagon by siting Israeli Defence Minister itzhak Rabin and Defence cretary Frank Carlucci.

hilippines continues earch for plane

ANILA (R) — Philippine offi-als switched their search for a issing passenger aircraft to the a after rescue workers failed on onday to find wreckage earlier ported on a jungle-clad hilltop. x naval frogmen set out to arch waters off the southern and of Mindanao after villagers i the coast said they heard an plosion on Sunday

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Israeli bullets in occupied lands Violent protests continue in W.Bank and Gaza ● Arab League pays tribute to the rare courage of children

GAZA CITY (Agencies) — Israeli troops shot dead a Palestinian demonstrator on Monday and a second protester died of his wounds on the sixth consecutive day of anti-Israeli violence in the occupied Gaza Strip, the Israeli army and Arab sources

on the outcome of U.S.-Soviet Security Council demand for a

been "inconclusive" on the Security Council resolution but

seven-year-old war, with the Iran has said it would only agree

Soviets sticking to known posi- to a ceasefire if Iraq is conde-

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Soviet gray suit and red striped tie. leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev said spoke for 20 minutes, a relatively

Monday that U.S.-Soviet rela- brief period, at the beginning of

Doctors at Nasser hospital in Khan Yunis, near Gaza City, told Reuter photographer Jim Hollander another demonstrator was also shot dead. Neither the army nor international relief agency sources could confirm this.

Palestinians in Gaza and the

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — A

special Soviet envoy has arrived

in Baghdad to brief Iraqi leaders

summit talks on the Iran-Iraq

A Soviet embassy spokesman said on Monday that Mikhail

Sytenko, an ambassador for spe-

cial assignments who flew in on

Sunday night, would also review

Soviet-Iraqi relations in his talks

State Richard Murphy said on

Friday the summit between Presi-

dent Ronald Reagan and Soviet

leader Mikhail Gorbachev had

tions have improved, but it was

Mr. Gorbachev told Soviet

Television viewers that differ-

ences over the American strategic defence initiative (SDI), or "Star

Wars" programme, remained one

of the issues that could halt furth-

er improvements in the super-

. The Soviet Communist Party chief addressed Soviet citizens on

the results of his trip last week to

Washington, where he and U.S.

President Ronald Reagan signed

an agreement eliminating the su-

fundamental change.

power relationship.

still too early to talk about a Vremya.

Baghdad in the past has criti- war.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of

later on Monday.

occupied West Bank have said at least eight demonstrators have died and scores have been wounded in anti-occupation protests since Wednesday.

The Gaza Strip protests, in which at least 16 demonstrators suffered gunshot wounds, was de-

cised Moscow, its main arms sup-

plier, over its call to give Tehran

more time to accept the U.N.

The ruling Baath Party news-paper Al Thawra on Monday

declared: "Iran was, in fact, given

enough time but invested it in

preparing for a new aggression

around a quarter of a million

troops at the war front, ready for

a new offensive aimed at Iraq's

mned as "the aggressor" in the

the nightly news programme

facts and is not given to exaggera-

tion, it is vet early to speak about

a fundamental improvement of

Soviet-American relations," Mr.

But he added that in Washing-

ton his talks with Mr. Reagan and

other American political leaders

were "different, more construc-

ences over Mr. Reagan's "Star

Wars" programme for a space-

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"If one is firmly based on the

Gorbachev: U.S.-Soviet ties improved

but it is too early for basic changes

Gorbachev said.

tive than before."

Iraq has accepted the July 20

southern port city of Basra.

Iran is reported to have massed

(against Iraq).

scribed by United Nations officials as among the worst since Israel occupied the area in June

In Tunis, the head of the Arab League on Monday praised the rare courage shown by schoolchildren in violent protests in the Israelioccupied territories. Secretary General Chadli Klibi

also called on the U.N. Security Council to intervene to stop the "barbarous" Israeli action in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Arab League... reaffirms

the total support of the entire Arab Nation for the heroic struggle of the Palestinian people... (Continued on page 5)

The Iraqi News Agency said Mr. Sytenko arrived late Sunday.

His arrival coincided with the

return to Baghdad of Iraqi Fore-

nited Nations.

gence unit said.

ign Minister Tareq Aziz from the

Although the Soviets are Iraq's principal arms suppliers, Mr.

Aziz earlier this month criticised

Moscow for its failure to support

U.S.-backed move toward an

arms embargo against Tehran.

has attacked two Greek tankers,

one sailing to Kuwait and the

other to Saudi Arabia, in the

southern Gulf, causing minor

damage, Lloyd's shipping intelli-

The London-based unit, which

During the Washington summit

and the period leading up to it,

the Soviets toned down their

sharp criticism of the "Star Wars"

change in the Soviet position.

programme, indicating a possible

Mr. Gorbachev and Mr.

Reagan have pledged themselves

to work for a 50 per cent cut in

their long-range nuclear arsenals,

but the Soviets have made that

agreement contingent on limits on the "Star Wars" programme.

the issue would not stand in the

Mr. Reagan said Friday that

monitors shipping world-wide,

Meanwhile, an Iranian frigate

League meets today in Tunis

TUNIS (R) - The Arab League will hold an urgent meeting in Tunis on Tuesday to discuss violent protests in Israeli-occupied territories. The meeting of permanent representatives at the Arab League's headquarters was called at the request of the PLO, a league spokesman said on Monday. The session is to discuss the dangerous situation in the West Bank and Gaza, the spokesman

Ramadan arrives heading team to

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Iraqi side to the Joint Jordanian-Iraqi Higher.Committee led by Iraq's Depu-Ramadan arrived in Amman on Monday to take part in the talks with the Jordanian side opening

Mr. Ramadan, in a statement upon arrival, voiced deep satisfaction with the work of joint committees between Iraq and Jordan, and said that they were helping the two countries to march ahead towards more prog-

Jordanian-Iraqi relations are exemplary and are being streng-thened all the time," Mr. Ramadan said in the statement, carried by the Jordan News Agency,

On the situation along the Iran-Iraq war front, Mr. Ramadan said the time element was on the side of Iraq and the situation was reassuring.
The Joint Jordanian-Iraqi

way of agreement to cut strategic Higher Committee meetings were preceded by lower-level discus-sions on Monday co-chaired by The Soviet leader said unspecified circles in the United States the under secretaries of the ministries of industry and trade in

meetings

line's 24th anniversary, Mr. JD 120.643 million for 1987. secutive losses for the airline. RJ Ghandour based the projected The RJ chairman praised the made a net loss of JD 1.78 million in 1986, company figures show. operating profit on an expected gross income of JD 122.345 mil-Speaking at a press conference held on the occasion of the airlion and tentative expenditures of **OPEC** awaits Iranian decision on

1988 oil price and production pact VIENNA (Agencies) — Orgaready to sign the agreement, I left supplied and fragile market, delenisation of Petroleum Exporting the session," he said in a dispatch gates said.

Countries (OPEC) ministers, poised to sign a 1988 oil price and whose oil minister flew home on Monday to consult his govern-Oil Minister Gholamreza

Aqazadeh told reporters before leaving for Tehran that a compromise reached after five days of hard bargaining was to extend the group's current output ceiling for six months at the prevailing \$18

"Regarding the current agreement, I ought to go and consult my government... as we have no decision (yet) to join the agree-

It was not clear how long his mission would take. The OPEC talks are now in their sixth day. Mr. Aqazadeh, whose arrival in Tehran from Vienna was later

OPEC agreement. The Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) quoted him as saying before leaving Vienna that one stumbling block was how to

find ways of compensating losses caused by the fall in the dollar.

was posiponed to future OPEC sessions and since Iran was not monitored in Cyprus. Despite the IRNA report, con-

favour of the proposed deal and would seek to persuade Iranian The proposed pact by the oil group calls for retaining the aver-

age oil price at \$18 a barrel and maintaining the same level of oil production at 15.06 million barrels a day. Iraq planned to opt out of the

deal because its demand for a quota equal to Iran's was not

barrels a day, but has been pump-ing at least 2.7 million barrels a day recently. Iran, with a quota of 2.37 million barrels a day, produces about 2.4 million.

The year-old \$18 a barrel reference price would be reviewed at the next scheduled OPEC conference in June, Mr. Aqazadeh said in Vienna, although an emergency meeting could be convened if OPEC market watchdogs decided overproduction was destabilising

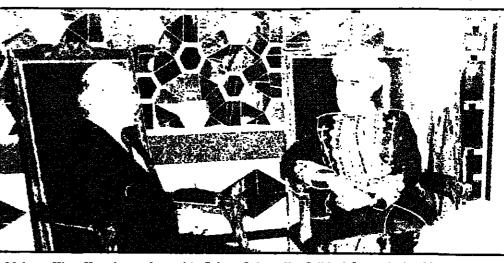
Quota violations and price-cutting have loosened OPEC's yearlong grip on "spot" or free mar-ket prices, they said, and the expected compromise is widely seen by delegates and oil traders and analysts as a face- and market-saving measure. Brent crude oil from the North Sea for February delivery fell 90

cents a barrel to \$16.75 in Europe. But in Tokyo, the first market to open after the weekend, traders held back, unwilling to speculate on the outcome of the talks. Prices fell to eight-month lows

worldwide last week and seemed set to fall further before any correction, traders said.

Iran says the \$18 barrel of oil now buys goods worth only \$15.70 when the reference price was set, because of the currency's slide since then. The dollar slipped to record lows on Monday and the price of gold, a haven in

According to the Iranian minis-(bpd) — the old ceiling minus traders said it has exceeded by up to 100 per cent.



His Majesty King Hussein confers with Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sai'd of Oman during his visit to the Sultanate on Sunday and Monday (Petra photo)

King returns after Gulf visit

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Majesty Qatar, Oman, the United Arab recent developments on the re-King Hussein returned home Monday evening after a fivecountry Arab Gulf tour during which he held talks with their leaders on the Gulf war and other issues of interest to the Arab

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said that the King's discussions were a follow-up effort on last month's Amman summit meeting and dwelt on important issues of destiny in the Arab region and Jordan's relations with

Emirates and Bahrain during his three-day tour. He was accompanied by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid and Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. Mr. Rifai flew home from the UAE on Sunday.

On the final day of his stay in Muscat, the last stop in his tour, King Hussein met with Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sai'd of Oman and

gional and international levels, and the Amman summit meeting as well as Omani-Jordanian rela-Upon his return to Amman

with the delegation, the King was met by His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and members of the Royal Family. Also at hand to welcome the King

back were Mr. Rifai, the speaker of the Upper House of Parliareviewed the general conditions ment, the deputy speaker of the The King visited Kuwait, in the Arab region in the light of Lower House and other officials.

RJ expects JD 1.7m in operating profits for first time in 4 years

Ghandour announces agreement with banks over long-term loans as first step towards privatisation

By Rana Sabbagh Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Royal Jordanian RJ), Jordan's national carrie said Monday it expects a JD 1.7 million in operating profit for 1987 and announced a "full payout lease" agreement with a consortium of Arab and foreign banks to rid the organisation from long-term loans as a first step towards privatisation.

Ali Ghandour, chairman of the RJ board and chief executive officer, did not disclose any forecasts for RI's net profits this year. However, expected operating orofit follows three years of con-

Ali Ghandour, chairman of the Royal Jordanian board of directors, holds a press conference on Monday (photo by Yousef Al-'Allan)

> wave of deregulation in air fares (Continued on page 5)

based missile defence system still could halt progress in U.S.-Soviet perpowers' medium-range nucand Western Europe were trying to spoil the chance to improve relations. lear weapons. Mr. Gorbachev, dressed in a Research finds most of Jordan's unemployed

among well-educated, young, poor and females By Salameh B. Ne'matt

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - A research on unemployment in Jordan has found that most of the unemployed were among the well-educated, the young, the poor and female citizens. The unemployment rate was estimated to increase from 6.9 per cent in 1986 to 10 per cent in 1990, according to the results of the research released on Monday, but officials and observers said many loopholes in the research resulted in incorrect unemployment figures and an underestimation of the magni-

tude of the problem. The research, a summary of which was read out by Dr. Mohammad Shahateet of the Royal Scientific Society's (RSS) Economics Research Department at a seminar at the RSS, said that the unemployment problem "has become one of the main problems facing Jordan" and that the governorate of Zarqa suffered the

highest unemployment level, followed by the Amman area.

The findings were based on a ployed Jordanians who registered at the Civil Service Commission and Ministry of Labour employment offices in the Kingdom. The 2,064 constituted 30 per cent of applicants during July and August 1986, the period during which the survey was conducted.

The sex ratio of the unemployed was nearly 2:3 which meant that for every 100 unemployed females, there are 230 unemployed males. It was also observed that the percentage of unemployed males was well above average in Maan and Mafraq governorates, about 99 per cent and 76 per cent respectively. The study cited "social elements such as the negative attitude towards female employment" to be responsible for the imbalance.

The research, partly financed

by the West German Friedrich

Ébert Stiftung (FES), said more

than two-thirds of the unem- from the RSS and the Departployed were below the age of 30 and that the burden of this probsample survey of 2,064 unem- lem was "greater on females." It said that 93 per cent of unemployed females were under the age of 30 while this ratio did not

exceed 68 per cent for males. Dr. Matthes Buhbe, the FES representative in Jordan, said the real unemployment rate in Jordan was probably higher than the official figure of seven to eight per cent and that predictions for 1990 were based on certain considerations and elements that may not materialise as projected.

Dr. Buhbe, who also contributed to the research project. told the Jordan Times that the total unemployment figures were offered by the Ministry of Labour and included only those who registered themselves at the Civil Service Commission and Labour Ministry employment offices. The employment rate of seven to eight per cerit did not cover those who had not registered. Officials

ment of Statistics say that unregistered job-seekers are estimated at 30 per cent of the total unemployed in the country.

Dr. Buhbe said that projections of unemployment figures for 1990 were based on the incorrect assumption that the present rate was seven to eight per cent and assuming economic activities within the five-year 1986-1990 national development plan which is expected to create new jobs. "These projections (10 per cen-

tage unemployment in 1990) are

based on the assumption that the

(present) rate of seven to eight per cent is true," Dr. Buhbe said. This may be wrong." World Bank figures for 1986 said that if the present economic trends in the Kingdom continued, unemployment was expected to reach 30 per cent by 1990. The

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World Bank based its estimates

on the growing unemployment

nisation of Petroleum Exporting production pact, were waiting ference sources told AP in Vien-only for approval from Iran, na that Mr. Aqazadeh was in

ment," he said.

reported by Iran's official news agency, was quoted as saying he was not yet ready to sign the

"Since discussion on the issue

Iraq has a quota of 1.54 million

Iran still wants a rise of at least \$2 but has temporarily backed down in the face of opposition led by Saudi Arabia, the biggest OPEC producer, given an over-

times of economic uncertainty, rose above \$500 an ounce. ter, overall production for the first half of 1988 would be limited to 15.06 million barrels per day Iraq's 1,540,000 bpd quota which

21 killed in worst raid on Iranian shipping in Gulf

OSLO (R) — Twenty-one crewmen from a Norwegian-run tanker set ablaze by Iraqi jets were killed in the worst single attack on merchant shipping of the Gulf war, shipping officials said on Monday.

The jets pumped Exocet missiles into the 218,467-tonne tanker Susangird, owned by the National Iranian Tanker Company and managed by Norway's Reksten Management, as it sailed fully-loaded from Iran's northern Kharg Island terminal.

Jan Evjanth, a spokesman for Reksten, said five other seamen survived the attack and that Iran had abandoned an air and sea search for the remaining crew, including the ship's Norwegian captain.

"We had a telephone call from Tehran to say that they've called off the search," said Evjanth. "Four Philippine and one Polish crewman survived and are being treated in hospital. We've been told the others are dead.

"They said they found only two bodies, charred beyond recognition," he said.

Evjanth had no information on the fate of representatives from the National Iranian Tanker Company who were reported to have been on board when the ship was attacked last Wednesday and Thursday.

The known survivors were the Polish chief engineer and the ship's radio officer, second mate, third engineer and canteen boy. Shipping sources have been unable to obtain clear information about the attack. Earlier reports said 26 people died.

Since the Gulf tanker war began in earnest in 1984, only last May's attack on the U.S. navy frigate Stark has killed more people. Thirty-seven people died when an Iraqi missile accidentally

Shipping sources had been unable to obtain clear details of what happened last week, because the attack took place close to Iran's coast. Lloyd's shipping intelligence reported the attack on Friday, but said only that some crew were missing or

Reksten manages four ships currently operating in the Gulf. where Norwegian shippers have a stake in one in five vessels sailing within Strait of Hormuz at any given time. ..

The captain of the Susangird is Olaf Leroey, 58, from Bergen. His death, if confirmed, would be the first Norwegian fatality in the

Last Thursday, the Singaporeflagged but Norwegian-managed Norman Atlantic sank in flames.

State and privately owned

Beirut radio stations have re-

ported that Israel has been mas-

sing troops along the border and

apparently preparing to retaliate

for a Nov. 26 attack on an army

of Palestine-General Command

FIL-policed areas.

Cairo takes action against school after 64 students killed in accident

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian officials on Monday suspended the headmaster and temporarily shut the school from which 64 children were killed in Egypt's worst road accident in years.

Education Minister Fathi Sorour ordered the children's school closed for a week, suspended the headmaster and transferred teachers to other schools as the government was criticised over the accident in which more than 70 children also were injured.

The 42-capacity bus, carrying 130 children aged six to 12, and six teachers, was crushed by a train on a makeshift railway crossing near Cairo.

Members of parliament, who discussed the tragedy on Sunday night, blamed the Ministry of Communications for not cracking down on unofficial pedestrian crossings over railway lines.
The school bus was hit when

the driver took a short cut over one of these unguarded dirt tracks across the railway rather than use a level-crossing on the main road less than one kilometre

minister Soliman Metwalli said more level crossings would slow trains down "and turn them into trams.'

ernment for doing nothing about what he called Egyptians anarchic attitude to life and rules.

Sytenko in Baghdad

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48,671-ton Filikos and the 51,372ton Tharaleos and said they were attacked within 16 minutes of each other Friday night

reported, Lloyd's said in the first report of the attacks. The two tankers reported

were in roughly the same area where a 232,164-ton Cypriot tanker, the Pivot, was hit by a warship Saturday, maritime salvage experts said. Lloyd's said the Filikos was attacked at 9:10 p.m. Friday

lenged by the frigate. The vessel's hull was holed, but it sailed on to the Saudi port of Ras Tanura

KUWAIT (R) — Egypt's defence the waterway only kilometres minister arrived in Kuwait on from the Gulf war front, is particularly vulnerable to any military escalation in the Iran-Iraq con-

Monday heading a military mission to explore how Egypt can help Kuwait, on the edge of the Iran-Iraq war, defend itself.

Field Marshal Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala told reporters at the airport he would discuss Kuwait's security with officials during his four-day visit, the first by a top Egyptian official since the two countries resumed diplomatic ties last month.

His visit followed a vow by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak two months ago that Cairo would help Kuwait with its de-

Field Marshal Abu Ghazala said: "Day by day we stand behind Kuwait and we believe that Kuwait and Egypt's security is

Egypt is ready to defend the Arab Nation and to help Kuwait against any foreign aggression."
Kuwait, located in the north of

discuss plans for his mission to Kuwait. The semi-official newspaper Al

diplomatic ties.

Kuwait supports Iraq against

Field Marshal Abu Ghazala is

expected to meet the emir of

Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad

seeing Kuwaiti Crown Prince and

Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdul-

Egypt's potential role as a

powerful Arab buffer against Iran

was largely responsible for a deci-

sion last month by Kuwait and

other Arab Gulf states to restore

shal Abu Ghazala on Sunday to

Mr. Mubarak met Field Mar-

lah Ai Sabah on Monday.

Iran and has been the target of at

least seven Silkworm missile

blamed Iran for the attacks.

branches of Egypt's 445,000strong armed forces and a senior cabinet minister, Atef Obeid, in charge of cabinet affairs. In Sharjah, the United Arab Emirates, the Al Khaleei news-

Ahram said Field Marshal Abu

Ghazala's delegation included

representatives of all the main

Egyptian defence minister begins visit to Kuwait

attacks this year. Kuwait has paper said Field Marshal Abu Ghazala was expected to sign an agreement to sell Kuwait Egyptian-built ground-to-air Ain Al Sagr (falcon's eye) missiles. Al Sabah, on Tuesday after

It gave no source for its dispatch from Cairo which also said the minister would sign a protocol for training more Kuwaiti air force officers in Egypt.

The Egyptian newspaper Al Ahram said Field Marshal Abu Ghazala would discuss "military, defence and security cooperation between the two countries in the light of Egypt's commitment that it stands against aggressions and threats directed against any Arab country in the Gulf."

Any threat to Gulf security was a threat to Egyptian national security, the newspaper said.

Mr. Mubarak pledged in Octo-ber tilat Egypt would help Kuwait "with all its potentials." Officials have indicated that Cairo envisages aiding the Kuwaitis - if asked -- with arms, training and logistical support rather than by sending troops.

Egyptian officials have also indicated that Cairo preferred to act together in a joint force with other Arab states.

Al Ahram said a military team visited Kuwait recently to survey Kuwait's defence and security situation and had reported to Field Marshal Abu Ghazala and the emir of Kuwait.

Field Marshal Abu Ghazala told a parliamentary committee last month that a united Arab stand backed by military strength could force Iran to negotiate an end to the Gulf war.

UNIFIL says it has no indication of reported Israeli military build-up

BEIRUT (AP) - A United Na- FIL headquarters in the border Hermon, overlapping with UNItions spokesman said Monday the international peacekeepers have monitored nothing to indicate Israel was preparing for a thrust into South Lebanon, despite persistent reports of a military build-

up along the border.
There is nothing unusual in our areas," said Timur Goksel, spokesman for the U.N. Interim Force In Lebanon (UNIFIL), which polices southern territory on Israel's northern flank.

"There are no unusual movements in UNIFIL areas, physically speaking." Goksel said in a telephone interview from UNI-

town of Nagoura.

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But he noted that there were

areas in the south beyond the control of the 5,800-strong U.N. contingent, which deployed after Israel's first incursion in 1978. Israel withdrew the bulk of its

forces from Lebanon in 1985, three years after it invaded the country. But it has since carved out a self-designated "security zone," about 10 to 16 kilometres deep, along the border.

The strip, 80 kilometres long, stretches from the Mediterranean coast to the foothills of Mount

base in northern Israel on Nov. Six Israeli troops were killed and eight wounded in the attack by a guerrilla flying a motorised hang glider. The Syrian-backed Popular Front for the Liberation

> (PELP-GC) claimed responsi-Various guerrilla factions have been on alert in south, north and east Lebanon in anticipation of

Israeli reprisals. Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat was quoted Monday as saying Israel has massed 40.000-60,000 troops in- preparation-for-a full-scale

His remarks were published by the daily newspaper Al Anwar. Asked about Mr. Arafat's remarks, Goksel said: "I cannot confirm anything.

Other Beirut newspapers, the Al Nahar and Al Safir, have reported that General Antoine Lahd, commander of the Israelibacked South Lebanon Army militia, visited east Beirut last week. They linked the visit to what they described as Israel's expected retaliation for the hangglider attack.

The 2,000-strong predominantly SLA patrols the South Lebanon "security zone" along with Israeli troops.

Leading newspaper columnist Galal Hamamsi blamed the gov-

identified the vessels as the

Both vessels sustained minor damage and no casualties were

(1710 GMT) after being chalwhere it loaded and left Monday. The Tharaleos was attacked at 9:26 p.m. Friday (1726 GMT) en

Khomeini envoy in Lebanon reportedly on hostage mission

BEIRUT (AP) — A close aide to Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini is in Lebanon and a Beirut radio station has reported that his mission is linked to the plight of foreign hostages held by pro-Iranian Lebanese extremists.

Reporters based in the ancient city of Baalbek, in east Lebanon, said Ayatollah Sadek Tabatabai has met with unidentified leaders of Hizbollah (Party of God) in east Lebanon.

The group comprises Shi'ite extremists loyal to Iran and is believed to be an umbrella for underground factions, said to be holding most of the 21 foreigners missing in Lebanon since 1985.

Tabatabai, a respected clergymen from Khomeini's inner circles, was involved in behind-thescene negotiations during the

takeover of the U.S. embassy in Tehran in 1979. Fifty-three American hostages were released Jan. 21, 1981, after 444 days in captivity.

A spokesman for Hizbollah told Baalbek-based reporters that Tabatabai was a Khomeini envoy to Lebanon, but would not elaborate on his discussions or name the personalities he met with. The rightist-controlled Voice

of Lebanon radio stations said without attribution that Tabatabai arrived on Friday with a mandate to "discuss the issue of foreign hostages." The missing foreigners also in-

clude four Frenchmen, three Britons, a West German, an Italian, an Irishman, an Indian and two men whose identities have not be

Demjanjuk trial resumes

TEL AVIV (AP) - John Demjanjuk's Nazi war crimes trial reopened Monday with testimony from a defence expert called to dispute claims that a photograph on a key piece of prosecution evidence portrays the retired Ohio autoworker.

M. Yasar Iscan, an anthropologist from Boca Raton, Florida. told the court he prepared a videotape superimposing various photographs of Demjanjuk onto a Nazi identity card to show the defendant did not look like the young man pictured on the docu-

Iscan was unable to show the video at Monday's two-hour session because it was shortened to allow prosecutor Michael Shaked to attend the funeral of his

similar video superimposition to court in a police van.

conclude Demjanjuk was pictured on the identity card issued at Trawniki, a training centre for death camp guards in Nazi-occupied Poland.

The defence says the Trawniki card was forged by the Soviet Union, which provided it to Israel. Six prosecution experts have authenticated it.
The Ukrainian-born Demjan-

juk, 67, is charged with being "Ivan the terrible," a brutal

guard who operated gas chambers at the Treblinka death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. Demianiuk claims he is a vic-

tim of mistaken identity. Demjanjuk missed the last three days of his trial before last month's three-week recess because of a back injury he said he suffered during a bumpy ride A prosecution expert used a from his maximum security jail to

Iranian dissident recounts ordeal of French expulsion

LONDON (AP) -- An Iranian who was among 17 anti-Khomeini activists expelled from France last week returned to his British home and said his colleagues were threatened, beaten and kept incommunicado for days in Gabon, according to the Obser-

The French government has denied suggestions that the expulsion was part of a deal with the Iranian government for the release of two kidnapped Frenchmen, who were freed in Beirut Nov. 27 by their pro-Iranian cap-

Massoud Ghorbanizadeh Gha-

sari, a 32-year-old member of the Paris-based Mujahedeen-e-Khalq resistance group, said he was on a week's visit to France when police raided the organisation's headquarters, the weekly said. Mr. Ghasari was quoted as

saying that French police forced

their way into the headquarters

before dawn Dec. 7, handcuffed him and his friends and shoved them into a police van without explaining their actions.

He said he and his colleagues

were denied food and drink for 16 hours before being told to sign a paper admitting to disturbing public order and threatening the interests of the French people, the Observer said. Mr. Ghasari was quoted

saying the police would not respond to demands for explanations. The Mujahedeen-e-Khalq said

all the refugees were hunted by the Iranian government of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and had been sentenced to death in absentia

They were held in two prisons and finally driven to a military base. "There we could see a runway with an aircraft ready to fly and we were very scared," he was quoted as saying.

They tried to resist, Mr. Ghasari was quoted as saying: "Then they set upon us. We were punched and kicked ... they began beating us with batons.'

All were flown to Libreville, Gabon, a former French colony in Africa, where they were held under armed guard and their demands to see a representative of the U.N. commissioner for refugees were ignored, Mr. Ghasari was quoted as saying.

They were allowed to see a U.N. representative on Thursday, and he and one another man were allowed to leave Saturday, Mr. Ghasari was quoted as saying. Eight men and four women remained held in Gabon,

the newspaper said. The French government has defended its decision to expel the 17 by saying it was based on pressing reasons of national security.

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A press statement issued by the government said that:

The expulsion, on the 8th of December, of 14 Iranian and three Turkish nationals belonging to the People's Mujahedeen has led the French authorities to define their position as follows:

"The persons concerned belonged to a political organisation using France as a base for subversive activities and took no notice. of the solemn warning which was given in 1986 to Mr. Massoud Rajavi on the obligation to observe on the territory of the welcoming state a strict political neutrality and a duty of reservation. "Since July 1987, they have carried an intense propaganda activity on the entire French territory and have indulged in collecting funds for their organisation, resorting eventually to threats against Iranian nationals who didn't belong to it.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

"Documenta" — art exhibition at the Goethe Institute (until Dec. 23)

☆ An exhibition of paintings by Ahmad Na wash at the Alia Art Gal-lery - Jabal Amman (until Dec. 20).

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Univ. of Jordan Library 843555 **MUSEUMS**

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costtumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hüll). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim coun-

artists from most of the Muslim contricts and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabai Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.

Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military

memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

SERVICE CLUBS

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CHURCHES

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Amman International Charch (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Arabic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Rainbow Congregation, (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church) Interdenominational-ecumenical En-glish Service: Saturday 6:30 p.m. Tel. 822605. Rev. Veli.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Tel. 815817, 821264.

Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-fich, Tel. 775261.

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Tel. 771331.

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 96.51
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 179.7/
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PRAYER TIMES

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it will be hazy and partly cloudy, with northerly moderate winds and calm Min./max. tem: Aqaba Deserts Jordan Valley . Yesterday's high temperatures; Amman 14. Aqaba 22. Humidity readings; Amman 84 per cent. Aqaba 51 per

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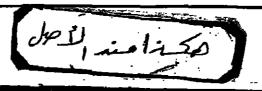
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Expatriates' transfers for investment company arrive

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Labour and Social Developnent announced on Monday that ordanian expatriates have tarted transferring funds to Amnan for the establishment of a ordanian shareholding investnent company which was ipproved by the third Jordanian xpatriates Conference held here

The director of the ministry's Expatriate Affairs Department, Azmi Al Muhtaseb, said that the ransfer covering the shares ownd by Jordanians working in (uwait arrived on Monday, and hat there will be another transfer refore the end of December.

According to Mr. Muhtaseb, ordanians living in Saudi Arania, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain will be making transers to cover for their shares in he company by the middle of ext month. The first transfer by Sufficient living in Qatar, amounting to JD 500,000, arrived iere last week, Mr. Muhtaseb

> He also said that Jordanian anks have voiced their willing- Arab countries.

ness to acquire shares in the projected company, which will be financing Jordanian projects and benefitting the expatriates at the

The formation of the holding company was among the resolutions adopted by the participants in the four-day conference that also endorsed Jordan's political stands vis-a-vis the Palestine problem and regional peace efforts, as well as development plans for Jordan and the Israelioccupied Arab territories.

The conference voiced its support for Jordan's five-year development plan and said that the expatriates will help carry out these plans by channelling their savings to investments in Jordan. The conference also recommended the establishment of an expatriates' funds in Arab countries of residence to promote social ties among members of Jordanian communities in host countries, in coordination between the Jordanian government and its diplomatic missions in

Iordan, Syria discuss communications links

AMASCUS (J.T.) - Minister f Communications Muhieddin il Husseini opened talks here on fonday with his Syrian counterart, Mr. Murad Quatli, on coopration between Jordan and Syria

telecommunications. Mr. Husseini stated after the rst session of talks, that bilateral ooperation in postal services and elecommunications were dis-

Telecommunications Corpora-

tion (TCC) Director-General Mohammad Shahed Ismail and his Syrian counterpart, Mr. Makram Obeid, attended the

Mr. Husseini arrived in Damascus on Monday morning to start a two-day official visit to Syria. Before his departure, the minister said that his talks here would cover issues of common interest to both countries.

JMA lauds government's decision on health services

MMAN (Petra) — Prime linister Zaid Rifai has received a ible from Dr. Mamdouh Al bbadi, president of the Jordaan Medical Association (JMA), pressing appreciation for the wernment's decision on the

provision of health services to the students of private schools and community colleges in the Kingdom.

In his cable, Dr. Abbadi said that the decision met the JMA's demand for these services.



Her Royal Highness Princess Basma on Monday addresses the opening session of a seminar assessing

the work and experience of social development

Symposium urges greater pan-Arab coordination in pharmaceutical industry

By Nermeen Murad Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Hassan, a four-day symposium organised by the Arab Federation of Producers of Drugs and Medical Appliances (AFPDMA) opened Monday at the Royal Cultural Centre (RCC).

Dr. Adnan Badran, deputising for Prince Hassan, read out a speech in which the Crown Prince urged those working in the field of pharmaceuticals in the Arab World cooperate and stay away from duplication of products and move towards specialisation in producing import-substitutes.

More work should be put towards giving priority to producing quality-oriented medicine in the Arab World, said the Crown Prince. Exchange of experiences and specialised people and developing the work to insure a better social and economic results, transferring modern technology and develop and apply it with what is needed for the development of local Arab medication, more scientific research, developing quality control centres and establishment of a research centre for drug control in the

the different Arab pharmaceutical manufacturing companies and between them and others, were also among the suggestions put forward by the Crown Prince.

Prince Hassan pointed out that spending on pharmaceuticals in the world was expected to reach around \$144 billion by 1995 -\$83 billion in developed countries and \$61 billion in developing

In Jordan, Prince Hassan said that pharmaceuticals manufacturing had reached a level of equal footing with similar manufacturers in the rest of the world and that Jordanian factories had already started exporting 60 to 70 per cent of their products to some Arab countries and also to some friendly non-Arab countries.

Prince Hassan praised the move made by the AFPDMA to hold the seminar on the rules of practising good manufacturing practice (GMP) as a good step on the right road especially that seven different working shops will be held over three days to discuss details.

Ministry of Health Under-Secretary Dr. Sulaiman Al Sub-

an Arab code for behaviours and Minister Zaid Hamzeh, told the rules governing relations among seminar that GMP was parallel to medical security and was no less important than food security. He added this area was facing an important challenge since "we are living in a world which is currently witnessing a scientific and technological revolution" and that this had created a gap separating the different countries, even the developed ones.

Dr. Abdul Muttaleb Abdul Ghani Nassir, vice president of the AFPDMA, delivered a speech stressing the importance of having solid scientific bases to govern GMP since it was "not enough any more for the final medical product to be in accord with designed specification." and since there were other factors to be considered such as the way the product was manufactured, where, and the different production steps adopted as well as the steps of control and whether control extends over the life of the

Dr. Nassir said the main aim of this seminar was to discuss possible recommendations which would lead to establishing drug control guidelines to be handed over to the Arab Health ministers council for approval and adop-

Princess Basma praises achievements of Jordan's social development centres

ty, and should work towards re-

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viduals by encouraging personal

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ments and organisations in 50

nations in an effort to promote

the role of social development

centres and, thereby, the de-

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rent countries' experiences in the

The first paper addressed the

objectives of social development

schemes in the Kingdom, the

nature of their activities and

programmes, the training of per-

sonnel in social development acti-

vities and sources of revenue for

and the financial conditions of

field of social development.

These, he said, are the basic

initiatives.

countries.

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan is keen on promoting voluntary social work and the East Bank of Jordan alone boasts 400 charitable and 31 voluntary societies involved in various humanitarian and voluntary activities, Her Royal Highness Princess Basma said on Monday.

Addressing the opening session needs and aspirations of a socieof a three-day seminar to assess the work and experience of social development centres in the Kingdom, Princess Basma said that thanks to private and public organisations involved in social work in cooperation with the Ministry cooperate with 180 establishof Labour and Social Development, Jordan has progressed greatly in social development.

This seminar, the Princess said. was called to conduct a scientific assessment of these societies by reviewing working papers pre-pared by specialists. The seminar is ultimately, designed to help promote social work in the Kingdom, Princess Basma emphasised.

The seminar has been organised by the Queen Alia Jordan Social Welfare Fund (OAJSWF). in cooperation with the Konrad Adenaeur Foundation of West Germany, whose representative delivered a speech stressing that social development schemes should be linked to the human

The paper also described the work of the QAJSWF and the activities of its 17 centres around the Kingdom, particularly their programmes for developing local communities.

The second paper focused attention on the objectives of a pilot development project in Sudan and described the role of social development centres in Sudan's five-vear economic plan.

The work of voluntary and community centres in Jordan is to be covered by the remaining papers, which offer suggestions for improving the performance of these centres within the context of the current five-year national development plan.

The participants are scheduled today to tour a number of social The seminar's first session disand community centres in cussed two working papers on social development centres in Jordan and case studies of diffe-

Attending the opening session were several Cabinet members. officials representing the ministries of agriculture, youth, planning, health, education, municipal and rural affairs, labour and social development, as well as representatives of the Jordanian universities, community centres, the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS) and the

Senate refers draft laws to committees

these centres.

Monday met under the chairmanship of its speaker, Ahmad Al Lawzi, and in the presence of Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Cabinet ministers.

The Senate referred to its Legal Committee a draft amendment to a law on the Jordanian Economic and Social Organisation for Retired Servicemen and a draft amendment to a law on the service of army officers.

The Senate referred to its Financial Committee a draft phase

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Upper amendment to the 1987 budget House (Senate) of Parliament on and an amendment to a law on extra fees for students at the University of Jordan, Yarmouk University and Mu'ta University, as well as a draft approval of a loan from the Saudi Development Fund to the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) to finance the construction of its medical faculty and a loan to Jordan from the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, which will be used to finance the construction of the Agaba Thermal Power Station's second

In addition, the Senate endorsed a draft law for the establishment of Jordan's first judicial academy, responsible for the training of personnel to fill judiciary posts and upgrading the qualifications of judges and jurists already working in public institu-





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Time for debt action

THE distress calls made earlier this month by the summits of Latin American and African nations for concrete action to alleviate their suffering from a staggering debt burden have largely gone unanswered by creditor nations facing the bitter prospects of economic

adjustments they have been eagerly prescribing for indebted states.

Although the tone and wordings of the declarations from both the summits were different, the underlying message was the same: Act immediately before the situation gets out of hand. The absence of any confrontational rhetorics in the declarations was mostly due to recognition of difficult economic times as the summits were held against the backdrop of a worldwide stock market crash giving rise to fears of a global recession. Such an eventuality would definitely limit the choices for a fruitful action on the debt front.

But such fears should not undermine the gravity of the situation. The African countries are reeling under a debt load of \$200 billion which is expected to reach some half trillion dollars by the turn of the century. Debt servicing costs these countries more than they could afford and in some cases is more than 200 per cent of their export earnings. Latin American countries have already paid more than \$150 billion in the last five years without any sign of a turnaround in their overall debt burden of about \$380 billion.

If the situation is allowed to deteriorate further, the debtor states may not be left with any choice but to embark upon joint action on the lines taken unilaterally by Brazil and Peru. The announcement of an aid package of \$6.4 billion for African states may be a step in the right direction but the amount will undoubtedly be insufficient for a significant recovery of economies crippled by droughts, famines and

The debt crisis has assumed alarming dimensions mainly because of a lack of political will on the part of creditor nations to resolve it. The attempts made so far have been mostly an exercise in balancing the numbers. Rescheduling agreements, bridging loans and rescue packages were basically aimed at squaring the books and keeping the debtors creditworthy. The banks pumped more and more money to keep their loans performing and avoid default. As a result the vicious circle has kept on growing. Latin Americans paid in debt servicing an amount equivalent to two Marshal Plans. The situation has come to such a pass that the creditworthiness of major commercial banks in the United States is under review.

The crisis has no doubt grown beyond banks to handle alone and calls for political decision-making at the highest level. The governments should intervene now to rescue both the debtors and creditors: otherwise any problems the banks may face will reverberate in the financial system already shaken by the market crash. Besides, the efforts, already under way, to correct trade and fiscal imbalances in the industrialised countries should not end there. The stock market attention should be paid to imbalances in the world economy. In order to restore this balance, a solution to the debt crisis has to be found which would breathe a new life into Third World economies - Arab

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: King confident over future

KING Hussein's interview with the Lebanese newspaper As Safir reflected his deep optimism about future Arab action and the favourable Arab situation. He said that the successful summit has placed the Arabs face to face with a new situation, and his contacts with Arab leaders have helped to strengthen the Arab stand and to corroborate the outcome of the Amman summit meeting. The King said that the Arab region will witness a positive development in the near future and that he was confident that the Arabs will strengthen their ranks and work together for the benefit of the whole Arab Nation. On Palestine, the King said that it remains the central issue which attracts the attention of Arab countries, and therefore the positive Arab stand can boost all efforts for finding a just solution for this problem. The King also reiterated Jordan's demand for an international conference where the PLO as well as all other parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict can discuss the question and reach permanent peace. The idea of the conference, he said, has won the support of the majority of world nations, but Israel continues to oppose the idea and obstruct the path of peace. Nevertheless, King Hussein's optimism clearly reflects his feelings that future inter-Arab cooperation and solidarity among Arab states can and will be maintained and that positive results are to be expected in the near future.

Al Dustour: Joint Arab action furthered

IN an interview with the As Safir newspaper King Hussein gave a detailed description of the situation in the Arab World following the successful Arab summit meeting in Amman last month. He also voiced Jordan's views and stands vis-a-vis the different problems facing the Arab Nation. The monarch said that the situation prevailing in the Arab World at present is positive and reflects the outcome of the Amman summit and its resolutions. The King said that the basis has been laid down for pan-Arab action which is expected to fulfil Arab aspirations, and that the summit was only the start of a new and constructive stage in pan-Arab action. King Hussein reiterated that the Palestine question remains at the centre of Arab concern and that this issue was given full attention by the Arab leaders in Amman last month.

Sawt Al Shaab: Summit opened door for Arab solidarity

THE Amman summit meeting last month has, as King Hussein said in a newspaper interview on Sunday, paved the way for a Syrian-Iraqi summit meeting in the near future and has also created positive atmosphere for the Arab leaders to work together in greater harmony. There is no doubt that an Iraqi-Syrian summit would yield constructive results, benefiting the whole Arab Nation and helping the Arabs to confront their common challenges. The Amman summit has finally rallied the Arabs to work together and opened the door for inter-Arab reconciliation; and perhaps the common threats were instrumental in fusing Arab endeavours; and the common challenges united the Arab leaders' stands and prompted them to work in harmony for the benefit of their countries. There is no doubt that the divisions in Arab ranks were behind the weakness of the Arab Nation in the past and therefore, the King's efforts to rally the Arabs and to coordinate their position will win more credibility for the Arab Nation at all levels.

The View From Second Circle

By Rami G. Khour

Garbage — underlined, creative and (apparently) ineluctable

THERE IS something perpetually curious, often egregious, and frequently embarrassing, about the application of the United States power and morality beyond its borders. I have always considered myself a friend of the United States, and an admirer of American principles of personal freedom, participatory democracy, the due process of law and, above all, the consent of the governed. These principles were forged in medieval English bellies, championed by 18th Century French revolutionaries, widely implemented by 18th, 19th and 20th Century Americans, and, since the turn of the century, when the Arab east was under Ottoman control, have been admired and sought by the vast majority of Arab people. There is an innate greatness to the American processes of government and order, which are easy to see and appreciate. This is why it is so baffling that the United States government, once outside its borders, should act with so little grandeur, and with so much ignominy.

Listen to this statement, made a few days ago: "Unlimited power, exercised in the name of universalist ideologies, often tries to extend its control beyond borders, denying other peoples their

human rights and self-determination."

Sounds like a description of Israeli policy towards the Palestinians, doesn't it? The author of the statement was none other than Ronald Reagan, commemorating Human Rights Day and Human

The quotation goes on: "Standing against these dangers are those people the world over who, undaunted by tremendous odds and great personal risk, continue to press for individual rights and freedoms. Their courageous struggle for human dignity is a triumph

Jeeze, Ron, sounds like the sort of thing most people in the Arab World were saying two weeks ago about those Arab fellows who flew motorised hand-gliders into northern Israel, where they attacked an Israeli army camp; try it again, close your eyes, and think of Jerusalem ...: "Undaunted by tremendous odds and great personal risk... are people who continue to press for individual rights and freedoms...

Conspicuously absent from the list of peoples around the world

Results of unemployment research

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caused by the surpluses in the labour supply resulting from the influx of a large number of Jordanian graduates from local and foreign universities and colleges. According to the study, 55 per cent of the total unemployed were married "which causes serious problems for married persons since they usually have to work to make a living for them-

selves and other dependents." It noted that the unemployment problem was "more severe" among community college and university graduates, accounting for 40 per cent of total unemployed. However, based on 1986 figures published by the Civil Service Commission, this percentage was 49.

According to the study, two out of three unemployed have less than five years of work experience. "It has also been noticed that high educational rammes.

About 58 per cent of the unemployed have searched for jobs for six months at the most, while one out of five has been unemployed for one year or more. In general, the duration of unemployment is longer for females than for males, the study noted.

It pointed out that "major structural changes occurred among the unemployed over the period between 1982 and 1986. That means that the percentage of the unemployed professionals out of the total unemployed has increased from eight per cent to 19.1 per cent in 1986."

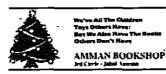
There are more poor unemployed than rich ones," the study

ployed come from families of less financial resources. It also observed that the financial state of the unemployed "was affected by the area to which they belong." The study did not offer any figures to back this conclu-

The study said there was a consensus among unemployed to accept jobs lower than their qualifications and to accept jobs of lower wages than their last ones.

The study cited the causes of unemployment as including internal factors such as the slowdown in economic activity, the significant growth in college and university graduates of unrequired specialisations, behavioural unemployment, the continuous influx of foreign workers, the rigidity of wages and the lack of a suitable information system about job vacancies and job seekers. It said the major external factors included the decline in demand in the Gulf states for Jordanian levels among the unemployed are manpower, the return of a numassociated with little work experithe decreasin growta rate oi remittances from Jordanians working abroad.

The research recommended reactivating the economy, enhancing the demand for Jordanian labour force in the Gulf states, adopting labour intensive techniques, adopting an exportoriented strategy, implementing a sound national wages and incentives policy and the establishment of a national information system.





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whom Americans and Ronald Reagan would like to see enjoy the fruits of human rights, freedom and self-determination are the Palestinians. And we continue to ask: Why? There is no valid reason for this sustained American display of moral and political double standards. It is sheer perfidy — the triumph of fear over courage, of weakness over strength, of lies over honesty, of transparent horse-trading practised by mercantile politicians over the ability of public leaders and statesmen and women to honour

their national ideals.

Talking of which, did you hear what the United States had to say last week at the United Nations General Assembly about resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict? If you missed it, here are some highlights from the U.S. representative's statement: "My government supports legitimate Palestinian rights, but it regrets this body's (General Assembly's) steps to institutionalise a one-sided perspective... The United States government does not rule out any avenue - including an international conference - for reaching the bilateral negotiations incluctably required to settle the protracted conflict and resolve its complex issues, including the Palestinian problem in all its aspects. It will take flexibility, imagination and courage on all sides to reach the negotiating table. (The way forward) is to try to find an agreed framework for launching negotiations on the basis of U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, to achieve a just, lasting and comprehensive peace which resolves the Palestinian problem in all its aspects.

How pleasant those phrases sound, how apparently reasonable and moderate: but how hollow they ring, coming from the government of the United States, which has considerable gall to use the word "ineluctable", when it has established new international records of defying the ineluctable in its refusal to accept the Palestinian right of national self-determination. We hear the United States speak of "Palestinian legitimate rights", and express its desire to resolve the Palestinian problem "in all its aspects". But what do these phrases mean? What legal weight do they carry? More importantly, what do they tell us about the moral and political failure of the United States government to come to terms with Palestinian rights to self-determination, freedom and human

rights?
Why cannot the American government summon the strength and self-confidence inherent in Jeffersonian democracy, and accept publicly that the Palestinian people have the same rights as the Israeli people? Why, in front of the whole world, does the American delegate at the United Nations have to invoke the hocus-pocus of "flexibility, imagination and courage," when it would be so much easier if he applied, instead, the concepts of honesty, and the political inevitability of historical reality?

That reality is that the Palestinians will have a free and self-determinant state (call it what you will: statelet, confederated state, mini-state, Yasser's Patch), and that a negotiated peace will happen when the Israelis and the Palestinians are offered equal measures of dignity and human rights. If the Israelis are not yet prepared to accept the Palestinians as equals, with reciprocal human, political and national rights, and the United States is not prepared to significantly dissociate itself from Israeli policy while providing Israel with an average of \$3 billion a year, then it behoves Americans who truly appreciate freedom and the grandeur of their moral heritage, to stop mouthing hypocritical and diversionary phrases about flexibility, courage, one-sided perspectives and other such — as they say in the land of Lincoln — hokum.

Earlier this week, the U.S. State Department, commenting on the recent series of killings of Palestinians by Israeli troops in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, noted that "we (the United States) are deeply saddened by the deaths and woundings of Palestinian young people in the West Bank and Gaza over the past few days, and the killing of an Israeli civilian in Gaza. These deaths

confirm once again that violence breeds further violence, an underlines the need for both sides to avoid further confrontations

Garbage. Official, on-the-record garbage. The only thing state ments of this sort underline, for those in the underlining business the inevitability of the cycle of violence continuing. What ex should we expect if the United States finances one of the longer military occupations of the 20th Century, refuses to accept the Palestinians' right to national self-determination, and then suggest that we should all take it easy and be good boys? When som Americans in the 1950s and 60s suggested the same blinker approach to the activism of American blacks, all hell broke loos American cities burned, the blacks and many of their white supporters fought for full human, civil and political rights, and the American nation finally seriously addressed, and largely redresset the grievances of black Americans. When women and other American minorities demanded equal rights and full civil libertie in the 60s and 70s, a similar pattern followed.

So why is it that when the dispossessed are Palestinians, and the dispossessing are the American-funded Israelis, that the otherwis noble American political heritage suddenly cracks, crumbles an fails grievously? Why does the United States support the self determination of virtually everyone else in the world except th Palestinians, for whom it creates a fanciful diplomatic universe inhabited by ghosts called "legitimate rights," "just aspirations and "the Palestinian problem in all its aspects" — veritable mirage which, when one tries to grasp them, prove untenable, literally figuratively and in all their aspects?

These are not new issues, or new questions. But the on-goin resistance and violence in the West Bank and Gaza, the deaths of dozens of Israelis and Palestinians in the past several months, th Palestinian attack against the Israeli miliary base, the America government's closure of the PLO information office in Washington and other recent acts and trends indicate that the perpetual denis of Palestinian rights will result in a perpetual cycle of political anmilitary violence. Americans and their media might like to see th Arab World turning away from the Palestine issue in favour of addressing the dangers of the Gulf war. It's not so simple, or near The Arab people are probably capable of dealing with more that one challenge at a time. If that is misperceived in the West, that the West's problem, not our reality.

We come back to the American legacy of Jeffersonian democracand personal liberties, which we admire, though more within America's frontiers than beyond them. People throughout the Aral World have fought for the same liberties for most of this century an appropriate fact to be noted by us in Jordan, where resides the heritage of Sherif Hussein of Mecca's political efforts with the British in the quest for Arab freedom from Ottoman rule. We sought freedom from a Western power then and received duplicit in return: as we seek freedom for the Palestinians today, we receive American duplicity in return. Some things never seem to change

The energies and potential of the Arab World are largely dormant today; but when they are awakened, ignited, and perhap united — when Arab lives, societies and economic/political order are driven by forces which are not always visible today, forces o rationality, commitment and hard work - there may emerge in the world a formidable new Arab force, principled, purposeful and proud. Such a force will - in the best American and Westen tradition — seek a redress of grievance. Wronged folk fight back

This is the — (gulp) ineluctable — lesson of history. It would dethe world well if those American officials who presume to stan above the forces of history, dispensing moral directives, politica suasion and other hortatory nonsense, to come down to earth an accept their role in the enduring cycle of Arab-Israeli violence 0. are we to believe that \$3 billion annual American aid to Isael is totally without cost or responsibility?



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Joint transport company announces JD 3m profit

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Iraqi-Jordanian Land Transport Company (IJLTC) this year made a JD 3 million profit from its operations by transporting goods between Jordan and Iraq and between these two and other Arab coun-ing the past 11 months by the tries, according to an announcement here on Monday.

The announcement was made by the company's director gener-, Jamil Ibrahim, who said that the LJLTC improved its efficiency and performance through training its personnel and cutting down on expenses.

meeting of the IJLTC's board of directors, under the chairmanship of Mr. Mu'tazz Al Bilbeisi.

Mr. Ibrahim said that the board would, in its two-day meet-

endorse a budget and a general plan for next year's production.

The reports give details on the volume of goods transported durcompany's fleet of trucks - a volume of 1.34 million tonnes, va convention. according to Mr. Ibrahim.

He said that the figure repre-sents an increase of 16.6 per cent over the planned volume for 1987, and of 22.5 per cent over the figures from the same period last year. "Transporting more The announcement came at a goods," he said, "means making more profits for the company.

The board meeting precedes the company's general assembly meetings, due to open here on Wednesday.

Panel to tackle problem of unemployed journalists

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan will patronise a seminar on the problems of graduates from journalism departments at community colleges and universities, to be held on Dec. 19.

The president of the Jordanian Journalists Association, Mr. Rakan Al Majali, said that the

two-day seminar will tackle a number of working papers dealing with unemployment among these graduates.

The papers were prepared by the Ministry of Higher Education, the Ministry of Education, the Civil Service Commission and Yarmouk Uni-

гоип, 25.

No Israeli cars were seen and

Israeli troops who dispersed

Works Agency (UNRWA), which cares for over 300,000 Palestinian refugees in the teeming Gaza Strip, said they had reports of injuries by gunfire in refugee camps at Rafah and Al

RWA operations chief for the Gaza Strip, said he warned Israeli authorities a year ago that they would have problems maintaining order if they did not change their

"But we saw nothing of any form of training or new equipment for fighting against schoolchildren and I am saddened to see that a small segment of the army and the border police enjoy clubbing youths or using their guns, and officers do nothing to check them," Mr. Mills said.

Two more Arabs killed in occupied territories

including schoolchildren and lycee pupils who face the Israeli war machine with a rare courage and unique self-sacrifice." Mr.

Mr. Klibi said the incidents showed Israel's contempt for human rights and international agreements, including the Gene-

depth of Arab rejection to occupation and the Palestinian people's attachment to its inalienable legitimate rights, above all its right to self-determination,"

Knots of stone-throwing Arab protesters clashed with Israeli soldiers Monday all along the 40-kilometre stretch of the Gaza Strip and in most West Bank

Israeli police, meanwhile, arrested 22 suspects in connection with a firebomb attack on the U.S. consulate in Arab Jerusalem.

The two homemade gasoline bombs sparked a fire that was extinguished promptly by a guard, but caused no injuries.

"We are looking at this as an isolated incident," consulate spokesman David Goode told AP. "Obviously we are going to stay on our guard, but we aren't taking any extraordinary precau-

The most serious protest Monday was at Khan Yunis in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. As hundreds of protestes hurled rocks and bottles, Israeli troops shot and killed Hassan Abu Ja-

stone-throwing demonstrators tried to prevent local people get-

Rahme said the Gaza protests were "the fruit of 20 years of suppression, frustration and Israel's refusal of any settlement of the situation, particularly through an international confer-

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Klibi said in a statement.

'This revolt... underlines the

Seventeen Palestinians were wounded Monday by Israeli gunfire in Gaza and the occupied West Bank, army officials and Israel Radio said. The army said two were in serious condition in Israeli hospitals.

ting to work in Israel, witnesses said.

demonstrators in Gaza City patrolled the city armed with assault rifles, tear-gas grenades and long Officials of the U.N. Relief and

Bureij.

Senior civic leader Faez Abu

said Monday that the violence in the occupied territories was part of a "massacre" Israel had plan-

poned at Washington's urging un- Reagan's blessings.

He said Israel would not have moved against the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip ned several weeks ago, but post- without U.S. President Ronald

RJ expects JD 1.7m profit

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in the U.S. and Europe and world-wide efforts towards privatising airline companies and said he expected similar measures in the region in the near future to enable Arab companies face competition by "giant foreign com-

"A European air market is envisioned by 1992 and we, the Arab states, are left behind to reel under a protectionist and restrictive aviation environment that does no-one any good," he said. Moreover, he said he expects that at some time in the near future, four major airline combines in the Arab World grouping existing carriers in North Africa — Morocco, Libya, Tunisia and Algeria — into one, Egypt and Sudan into a second, the Gulf states and Saudi Arabia with North and South Yemen into a third, and Iraq, Lebanon,

Syria and Jordan into another. In order to gain mobility needed to cope with changes in the international aviation industry, RJ plans a transformation of its status, from a wholly government-owned company to a public

shareholding company in 1988. At a later stage, the govern-ment might decide whether to sell its shares and whether it needed private sector participation from Jordan, the Arab World and the international market.

RJ's privatisation plans are also designed to pave the way for possible mergers in the Arab

Privatisation studies have been completed, including an assessment of RJ's assets and the legal aspects of the process.

Mr. Ghandour said plans to settle the airline's debts (longterm loans) before partial privatisation were completed three weeks ago when the government approved the full pay-out lease agreement reached between RJ and a group of Arab and foreign banks.

This agreement would be enforced either by the end of this month or the beginning of 1988. Under the accord, the com-

pany's debts will be wiped out by selling and leasing part of the company's fleet of 17 aircraft. excluding the two A310-A300 Airbuses the company has leased from a consortium of European banks last year. These two Airbuses form part of a delivery of six A310-A300 aircraft expected to be handed to RJ by 1990 under

the same lease agreement. Answering a question, Mr. Ghandour said no decision had been taken on whether to buy McDonnel Douglas MD-IIS or Airbus A-340s for RJ's long routes. "The two options were

under study," he said.

The company's expected operational profits of JD 1.7 million were partly due to an eight per cent increase in passenger traffic this year. In previous statements given to the Jordan Times, RJ officials expected a net profit of JD 4 million on the basis of the

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat til after the U.S.-Soviet summit.

foreign exchange profits and losses. Part of this profit would

come from the sale to British Caledonian of one of the airline's two Boeing 747s. The rest was to come from operating and nonoperating profits, mainly from handling services to foreign airlines flying to Jordan. RJ carried a total of nearly 1.2

million passengers — an eight per cent growth — over last year, with the largest growth of 78 per cent in the airline's flights to North Africa, followed by a 12 per cent growth in routes to North America. Other increases in passenger growth were by five per cent to Europe, six per cent to the Far East, and two per cent to the Gulf. However, growth on flights to Baghdad, Damascus and Cairo decreased by 11 per cent from the 1986 figures. The seat factor productivity rose to nearly 60 per cent from 51.5 per cent in 1986 and its cargo service ferried 46.163 tonnes (including 910 tonnes of mail) from last

year's 43,000 tonnes. Total hours of flight were 45,209 hours, a six per cent in-

The RJ chairman said preliminary indicators for the company's 1988 budget anticipate a 9.8 per cent increase in gross revenues and an increase in expenditures by 4.7 per cent in contrast with

Discussing other aspects of the airline's 1987 financial achievements, Mr. Ghandour said the operation of the company's "economic" A310-300 Airbuses on medium range routes helped the company save JD 2 million by cutting down on fuel.

Other revenues were also generated from cooperating with other airline companies. One of RJ's TriStars was used by Sudan Air in flights linking Khartoum with various European capitals. The company's Boeing 747s was also used by an Indonesian company for special charter flights. In addition, RJ also helped in operating flights for the African Gam Air, and in cooperation with Air Panama managed to link the Panamese capital with Miami,

In 1988, RJ plans new routes to Montreal, Miami, New Delhi and Calcutta. New routes introduced this year were Helsinki, Sharjah and Moscow, in addition to linking Paris and Dakkar via a regular weekly flight.

Mr. Ghandour said the airline gained from the declining price of the dollar because 80 per cent of its total debt was dominated in the American currency, while the balance sheet on these debts is settled in Jordanian dinars. "We make profit by the dollar's loss in value by reducing the value of our loans," he said.

He said that the decline in the price of dollar did not affect the company's revenues since not more than 30 per cent of the company's total sales was done in the U.S. currency. The rest are done in West German, Japanese, French and other currencies whose value increased by the devaluation of the dollar.

Report lists Israeli offences last month in occupied territories

occupation authorities last month confiscated 266 dunums of Arab land in the West Bank, bringing the total area of seized Arab land to 2,751,756 dunums since the 1967 war, according to a report released on Monday by the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs.

The report said that the Israeli authorities last month demolished 12 Arab homes, detained 13 Arab citizens, imposed curfews on three refugee camps, closed down six schools in Gaza, sentenced 136 Arab citizens to imprisonment, imposed house arrest on 10 others, issued orders for the deportation of an Arab citizen from Gaza and violated Arab human rights on numerous occasions.

The report also revealed that 130 dunums of Arab-owned land near Bethlehem have been annexed to the Israeli Ifrat settlement near the Arab town.

According to the report, the Knesset has endorsed plans and ty cards and other important abroad.

AMMAN (Petra) - The Israeli allocated funds for the establishment of six new settlements in the occupied West Bank within the next six months. By the end of this year, it said, the total number of people living in Israeli settlements will reach 58,000, marking a sharp increase from the population of 21,000 who lived in the settlements three years ago.

In the course of building settlements and consolidating the Israeli presence in the occupied Arab land, the occupation authorities last month uprooted trees in the regions of Qalqilia, Housan, Bethlehem, Wadi Foukin, Nablus, Ramallah and Gaza, the report pointed out. It said that Israeli settlers

assaulted Arab citizens, cut off water supplies from large areas of agricultural land in Gaza causing many crops to dry and tampered with Muslim cemeteries in the Ramallah district. Armed settlers attacked Arab farmers living near Oud Yusef settlement, stealing JD 1,500 and the farmers' identi-

In addition, Jewish extremists set fire to a church in Arab Jerusalem causing extensive damage. The attack on the church was the fourth of its kind

against Christian centres over the past five years, the report noted. The report said that the Israeli authorities were continuing their human rights violations designed to force the Arabs to abandon their homeland. During 1987 the total number of people killed by Israeli troops in the occupied Arab territories was 50, and hundreds of others were injured, the

report said.

Reports from the occupied territories speak of the inhuman treatment accorded to Arab detainees in Israeli jails and mass arrests of innocent civilians for interrogation under any pretext, the report pointed out. It said that the Israeli authorities impose restrictions on the movement of Arabs within the occupied territories and ban on their travel

Hamzeh stresses need for primary eye care to protect against blindness

By Sana Atiyeh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Primary eye care should be provided by the health sector at outpatient centres where fully trained doctors should be available to diagnose and offer the proper treatment for minor ailments and transfer acute cases to eye specialists, Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh said Monday.

Opening a World Health Organisation (WHO) meeting on primary eye care, Dr. Hamzeh said offering protection against blindness was one of the most important responsibilities of primary eye care. Studies conducted on the blind

in Jordan showed that 40 per cent of the cases resulted from intermarriages, Dr. Hamzeh said. "Health education in this field is very important and awareness and proper medical care can prevent many eye diseases," he said. The minister said that since the beginning of the current scholas-

care, Suleiman Qubain, told the world. He added that a rate of meeting that information on one per cent of blindness in a blindness in Jordan was insuffi- community indicates that there is

tic year the Ministry of Health

eases and how to prevent them. cent," he said. "With a present



Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh chairs a Monday meeting on primary eye care sponsored by the World Health Organisation (Petra photo)

already launched intensive training courses on eye diseases for doctors and staff working in the health centres around the

A 1986 seminar held in Jordan on primary eye care recommended that primary health care should include eye care and treatment for ailments at all the health centres in the Kingdom. Speaking on Monday on behalf

of the WHO regional director, Mohammad Wahdan said that the two aims of the WHO programmes for prevention of blindsupplied free eyeglasses to needy ness were to reduce avoidable schoolchildren from first to ninth blindness in developing countries and to ensure basic eye care was The director of primary health available to all people in the cient and inaccurate. He called a health problem that involves

for a general survey to collect avoidable blindness. "The Eastern Mediterranean Dr. Oubain also urged health region has an overall blindness education campaigns on eye dis- rate of approximately three per

He noted that the ministry had population of some 320 million. this means that the region has 9.6 million blind people of whom some eight million need not have been blind." He added that this number makes it a great public health problem, since at least one of the four major causes of avoidable blindness is present in each

country in the region. Dr. Wahdan said the WHO's efforts in the region were in line with the WHO's global target. This target includes implementation of national blindness prevention programmes in 60 developing countries by 1989. About 50 such programmes are already under way and 10 of these are in the Eastern Mediterranean re-WHO representative



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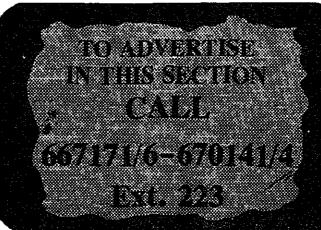
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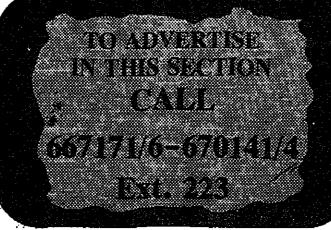
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Jordanian globe-stroller reaches Saudi Arabia

Amayreh, who set off last month on a round-the-globe trot in six years, has now reached Tabouk, Saudi Arabia, and is en route to Medina. In a telephone conversation with Radio Jordan on Monday, the 24-year-old Jordanian said he had already crossed the Saudi borders on the first leg of his journey outside Jordan. "I've taken photographs of places and kept a day-to-day diary of my trip hitherto," Mr. Amayreh told on the air radio programme. Mr. Amayreh said he hopes to write a book on his trip, which, he described, as the first adventure of its kind to be undertaken by an

According to Mr. Amayreh's account, walking through Jordan and the Arab world will take him 2 years while the second leg of his trek is scheduled to take four years covering Europe, North America, Asia, Australia and Africa.

Lakers come from behind to beat Cavaliers

NEW YORK (AP) - For one half against the Cleveland Cavaliers, the Los Angeles Lakers looked like anything but defending NBA champions.

The Lakers had 19 turnovers, shot 39.4 per cent and trailed by as many as 11 points in the first half Sunday in their first home appearance following a five-game eastern road trip.

"Our passing in the first half was comical," coach Pat Riley said after the Lakers came back to defeat the Cavaliers 90-89. "At halftime. I didn't have to vell and scream. I just wrote the number 19 (turnovers) on the blackboard. I thought we played a solid second half."

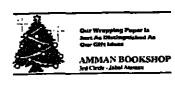
In the only other NBA games Sunday night, Dallas defeated Milwaukee 113-99 and Atlanta beat Sacramento 106-100.

Mavericks 113, Bucks 99

Dallas won its fifth straight game, outscoring Milwaukee 43-29 in the fourth quarter as Sam Perkins scored 11 of his 21 ponts in the period. Mark Aguirre had 20 points for the Mavericks.

Hawks 106, Kings 100

Atlanta handed Sacramento its eighth consecutive defeat as Dominique Wilkins continued his hot streak with 28 points. The Hawks took their biggest lead at 85-62 with 11:27 left in the game. but a 36-16 spurt by the Kings brought them within three with 26 seconds remaining. Reggie Theus, who finished with a season-high 35 points, sparked the Sacramento rally.



Kenyan runs away with 3rd Austrian slalom champs secure season's 3rd triumph straight Honolulu race win

Dutch runner 1st woman finisher for 3rd consecutive year

HONOLULU (AP) - Ibrahim Hussein did not want to win the 1987 Honolulu Marathon only for himself. He also wanted to win for Ernie Severn.

self and Severn, a regional manager for Adidas, who died Nov. 27 of a heart attack at the age of 53.

"I had to win it for him this time," Hussein said, after overcoming terrible weather conditions - wind, rain and humidity - plus a strong world-class field and becoming the first consecutive three-time winner of the Honolulu Marathon.

"He was like a father figure to me. I dedicated this race to him." Hussein said he first met Severn while running for the University of New Mexico.

"He bought me a ticket to go to my first road race." the Kenyan said. That race was the bloomsday 12-kilometre event at Spokane, Washington, in 1984, "and I won." Hussein said.

This was Hussein's third appearance in the Honolulu Marathon and he has yet to lose. However, unlike the first two times, he did not break the course record. Instead, he slogged cept against the clock.

East jumble, which has featured

everything from two-way to five-

way ties, now has three teams

atop the division with two weeks

Buffalo beat Indianapolis 27-3

Sunday, while Miami took Phi-

ladelphia 28-10. That put the

Bills, Colts and Dolphins at 7-6.

New England beat the New

The three-way tie in the AFC

Central was reduced to two teams

when Cleveland defeated Cincin-

left in the NFL season.

York Jets 42-20.

Sunday, he won both for him-through 26 miles, 385 yards of the picturesque but wet streets of Honolulu in two hours, 18 minutes. 26 seconds.

That did not compare favourably with his winning times of 2:12:08 in 1985 or 2:11:44 in 1986, and even less favourably with his winning time of 2:11:01 in the New York City Marathon Nov. 1.

tions did not compare favourably with any of those races, either. Heavy rainstorms, beginning Friday night, had inundated the course, which included spectacular ocean views alongside world famous Waikiki Beach, and Diamond Head and Koko Head

However, the weather condi-

craters. The competition was gone after the fifth mile, when Suleiman Nyambui of Tanzania, last year's runner-up, dropped out because of pain in his left hamstring, an injury suffered about 10 days in training at El Paso, Texas. Hussein needed no help, ex-

Bills, Colts and Dolphins advance

NEW YORK (AP) - The AFC nati 38-20. Pittsburgh beat San Rams stayed in wild-card conten-

Diego 20-16 and New Orleans

knocked out Houston with a 24-

But things got tighter in the

AFC West with Seattle's 28-21

victory over Denver. The Sea-

hawks are a half-game behind

Denver and tied with the char-

Minnesota, seeking to join New Orleans as an NFC wild-

St. Louis and the Los Angeles spots.

as NFL season draws to a close

10 victory.

He won by a minute over Gidamis Shahanga of Tanzania, who finished second in 2:19:36.

Bill Reifsnyder was the first American, finishing third in Among the other notable

finishers were: Finland's Martti Vainio, sixth in 2:26:55; Sweden's Kjell-Erik Stahl, 41, seventh overall and the first masters finisher, in 2:31:07; Americans Benji Durden and Jon Sinclair, eighth and 10th, respectively, in 2:31:31 and 2:32:42, and 1972 Olympic champion Frank Shorter, 15th in 2:35:54.

Shorter came in one place behind Carla Beuerskens of The Netherlands, the first woman's finisher for the third consecutive vear, in 2:35:11.

She was followed by 1985 Boston Marathon woman's winner Lisa Weidenbach in 2:37:43, and fellow Americans Kellie Chathey in 2:43:55 and Cyndie Welte

In addition to Nyambui, the elite dropouts included Filbert Bayi of Tanzania, who left after 20 miles because of an apparent broken bone in his right foot.

The Cardinals outlasted the

NFC East winner Washington

beat Dallas 24-20. In other

games, it was Kansas City 16, the

Los Angeles Raiders, 10, and

San Francisco was hosting Chi-

Detroit 20, Tampa Bay 10.

New York Giants 27-24, while

the Rams beat Atlanta 33-0.

UNIONDALE, New York (AP) — Kevin Miller and Tony Grana-Miller scored the go-ahead goal in the first period to help the U.S. to each scored three goals to lead

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LEUKERBAD, Switzerland scheduled before Christmas, a

(AP) — The women's World Cup special slalom, a giant slalom and

the U.S. Olympic hockey team to a 13-2 rout of the Soviet selects Sunday night.

competition neared its Christmas

break after slalom specialist Ida

Ladstaetter, a six-season veteran,

won her first ever World Cup

race Sunday, helping the Au-

strian team to its third victory this

But Michela Figini, the 1984

Olympic downhill champion from

Switzerland, retained her lead in

the overall World Cup standings

after back-to-back wins in Friday's

downhill and Saturday's Super-G

Teammate Brigitte Oertli cap-

tured the combined event, a pap-

er race based on downhill and

number of Swiss victories.

slalom results, to raise to five the

Three more women's races are

The victory, at the Nassau Coliseum, was the second in three games for the U.S. team over the touring Soviets, as the Americans continued their preparations for the winter Olympics.

The U.S.-Soviet series began Thursday night with an 8-5 victory by the Americans in Richfield, Ohio. The selects, comprised mostly of players from the Leningrad Army team and containing few national team members, beat the Americans 6-4 in Cincinnati Saturday night.

take a 41 lead and added two more in the second, when the Americans scored six times to take a 10-2 edge. Granato had a goal in the second period and two more in the third, both on the power play.

parallel slalom in Italy Dec.

The three-day, 4th graf, sports

The three-day competition at this

Valais Alps resort was shadowed

by the terrifying spill of American

downhill specialist Tori Pillinger of Park City, Utah, who suffered

serious, multiple fractures when

she crashed against a steel finish

Ladstaetter, 22, and rated

among the prettiest entries, was

overjoyed after she had finished

the two-heat slalom, edging

Sweden's Camilla Nilsson by four

hundredths of a second. "I had to

Blanca Fernandez-Ochoa, who

wait long for this," she said.

post during the Super-G race.

- women's World Cup ski.

reri at 4:28 of the first period.

Miller scored on a scramble at 7:09 after taking a setup pass

goaltender Sergey Cherkas.

scored from the right circle at

to 6-2 on a 20-foot (6-metre) goal St. Louis.

had won the season's opener at head U.S. women's coach. Her Sestriere, Italy, Nov. 26, was accident was the latest in a streak third, trailing Ladstaetter by of bad luck hitting the American team. Tamara McKinney, the 1983 overall World Cup champion, broke a leg in pre-season training, Debbie Armstrong suffered a dislocated fibula last summer and Eva Twardokens is lost for the season with a severe knee

Woods said he will formally propose that International Ski Federation (ISF) rules be amended to avoid a repetition of Pillinger's accident. "They should sen was 24th and Pam Fletcher never have allowed such an obstacle in the finish area," he said in an interview with the

Associated Press. 'We are very, very fortunate year, according to Chip Woods, that Tori is alive," he said.

.S. Olympic hockey team defeats Soviet selects

one period.

Igor Ivanov gave the Soviets a 1-0 lead with a 70-foot shot that beat U.S. goaltender Chris Ter-

The U.S. team tied the game when Todd Okerlund deflected in a 60-foot shot by Brian Leetch at the six-minute mark.

Miller, Dave Snuggerud and Corey Millen then scored to give the Americans a 4-1 lead after

from Allen Bourbeau, Snuggerud fired in a 30-footer at 14:59 and Millen tipped in a 60-footer by Greg Brown at 15:45. Miller made it 5-1 28 seconds

0.19. This lifted the Spanish all-

rounder to second overall place in

the standings, with 61 points,

Karen Percy of Canada, 17th,

was the best non-European

finisher in the slalom. With her

eighth place in Friday's downhill.

she collected 15 World Cup

Dianne Roffe, finishing 19th,

led the U.S. entries, Beth Mad-

was 30th and last. Fifty-two en-

Pillinger's injuries, including a

fractured pelvis and right femur,

are expected to ground her for a

tries did not finish the races.

points in the combined.

behind Figini.

into the second period when he jammed the puck under Soviet

Cherkas, who gave up five goals on 13 shots, was replaced by Aleksander Tyznyh, but returned at the start of the third period. Okerlund made it 6-1 when he

The Soviets cut the U.S. lead

by Aleksander Zybin at15:31. But the U.S. team put the game away when Lane Macdonald scored at 15:46 and Jim Johannson added another goal 15 seconds later. Granato made it 9-2 at 19:10 and Miller scored on the power play at 19:59 to give the U.S. team its 10-2 lead.

Granato's two goals and another power-play goal by Tom Chorske at 17:39 completed the

The U.S. is now 24-13-4 in its pre-Olympic schedule against collegiate, NHL and international competition.

The eight-game U.S.-Soviet series resumes Tuesday night in

Mecir and Smid prove to be formidable pair

LONDON (AP) - Czechoslovak ranked player is going to do. tennis star Miloslav Mecir baffles his opponents with his unorthodox shots and sudden change of pace. Countryman Tomas Smid is one of the few players who can anticipate what the world's No. 6

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At the end of the tournament, which includes a round-robin series, they emerged as the only

unbeaten pair out of eight of the best teams in the Nabisco Grand Prix rankings. On the way to picking up the

the world's foremost pair.

Wimbledon champions Kan be Sweden's doubles pair in next Flach and Robert Seguso 6-4, 7-5, week's Davis Cup final against 6-7, 6-3 to establish themselves as India in Gothenburg. Throughout the tournament,

opponents said they were caught out by the way Medir changed the direction of his shots at the last Often an opponent at the net

would dart across court to cut off \$72,000 first prize. Mecir and an expected angled return, only Smid twice defeated the defend- for Mecir to sent the ball down ing titlists. Stefan Edberg and the side with a last second turn of Anders Jarryd, who are likely to the wrist.

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card team, was stymied Sunday cago on Monday night. Both when it lost at Green Bay 10-10.

tion, however.

SEVILLE, Spain (R) — Anatoly Karpov used his final time-out on Monday to postpone the final showdown with Garry Kasparov in the World Chess Cham-

pionship. The 23rd game of series was put back two days to Wednesday, with challenger Karpov having the advantage of the

white pieces. The score in the match is currently tied at 11-11, with three wins and 16 draws for each player. If the series ends 12-12, 24year-old Kasparov will retain the

Most experts predicted Karpov's off-the-board move as it is essential for him to launch a well-prepared assault in his final game with the advantage of the

first move. Karpov, 36, has appeared to be the calmer of the two players during the final phase of the 10-week long war of nerves.

In the 22nd game, Kasparov abandoned his attempts to win with the white pieces after only 19 moves. Chess experts interpreted the champion's hesitancy as an

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illustration of the conventional 13-11. wisdom that it is easier to attack a title than to defend it.

tage of only needing two draws to title by a single point, having retain the crown, he has always earlier frittered away a threemanaged to rise to the occasi the past.

Kasparov beat back an 11th-Moscow to win the world title by challenger.

Their 1986 encounter also ended in Kasparov's favour after he But besides Kasparov's advan- won the 22nd game to retain his

On Monday, Karpov's representative Vladimir Pischenko dishour attack by Karpov in the final tributed an article to the press game of their 1985 match in which predicted a victory for the

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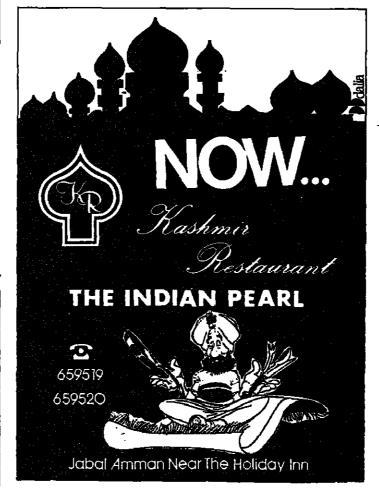
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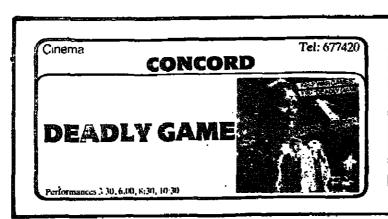
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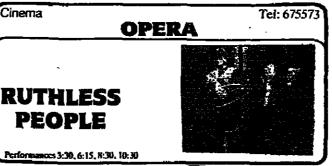
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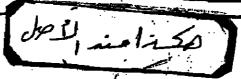
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U.S. economists make gloomier forecast for next year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States could be in a recession by the end of 1988 because of a loss of consumer confidence following the October stock mar-

ket collapse, the nation's business

economists said Monday. The National Association of Business Economists said its latest quarterly survey, taken at the end of November, reflected growing pessimism following the record plunge in stock prices on Oct. 19.

Many of the economists for the nation's largest corporations have moved up the date when they believe the next recession will

Half of those surveyed now believe the next downturn will start before the end of next year. In the previous survey taken in August, only one-third were that

Mr. Jerry Jordan, the association official who compiled the survey, cited the stock market decline and growing disenchantment with federal efforts to deal with the U.S. budget deficit as primary reasons for the gloomier forecasts.

"A substantial number of economists are looking for reduced consumer spending to bring on the next recession," said Mr. Jordan, chief economist for First Interstate Bancorp of Los

For 1987, the economists predicted the economy, as measured by the gross national product,

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rate, matching the forecast made cent next year. last January by U.S. President — The nation

Ronald Reagan's administration. But the troubles on Wall Street caused them to reduce substantially their growth forecast for 1988, dropping it to a sluggish two per cent growth rate. In August, the economists had been expecting growth of 2.7 per cent

next year. Sluggish growth would send the unemployment rate rising next year. The business forecast predicted unemployment, which is now at an eight-year low of 5.9 per cent, will climb to 6.3 per cent

next year. Mr. Jordan said that many economists reported business holding up well in their own firms in the month following the stock decline, but they still were pessimistic about the overall eco-

nomy's future. He said 65 per cent of the economists reported rising demand for their company's products, the second-highest positive level in three years.

But 50 per cent of the economists still said the country would be in a recession before the end of next year and another 38 per cent said the recession would begin in 1989, coinciding with the next president's first year in office.

These were among the other findings of the survey, which reflected the opinions of 209 economists:

U.S. dollars Canadian dollar

Dutch guilders

Belgian francs

French francs

Japanese yen

Swedish crowns

Danish crowns

Norwegian crowns

Italian lire

Swiss francs

West German marks

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on

the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

1.8440/50 1.3062/72

1.6233/40

1.8261/71

1.3235/45

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1197/1198

5.9100/50

One ounce of gold 501.00/501.75

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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Share prices were quietly lower in late trading

showing little reaction to a firmer start in New York, with

uncertainty over the near-term outlook and the proximity of the

ented "to describe this market as dreary.

understatement. Nobody is confident of where we are going, and

Dealers said a mildly encouraging Confederation of British Industry (CBI) survey and rather better than expected U.K. retail

sales data for November were largely ignored and at 1530 GMT

The CBI said 40 per cent of U.K. companies are forecasting a

rise in output over the next four months while only nine per cent said they expected a decline. The survey showed new orders at

Despite the optimistic outlook for output, many are worried that the continuing weak dollar will significantly affect the future

the FTSE 100 index stood 8.8 points lower at 1,642.8.

Christmas holiday the main factors, dealers said.

people are happy just to keep clear."

their most buoyant for a decade.

earnings of major exporters such as Glaxo.

- Inflation, as measured by

would expand at a 3.2 per cent consumer prices, will rise 4.3 per stantial dissatisfaction with efforts

— The nation's foreign trade deficit, which hit a monthly record of \$17.6 billion in October, will total a record \$160 billion this year, but will start to decline in 1988, dropping to \$142 billion. The 1986 deficit was \$156.2 bil-

- The federal budget deficit, which dipped to \$148 billion in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30 because of windfall tax revenues, will increase in the current fiscal year to \$160 billion.

so far by the administration and Congress to come up with credible reductions in the budget de-

Over 70 per cent of those surveyed said they favoured cutting defence spending by larger amounts than currently scheduled as a means of reducing the deficit. Slightly smaller majorities favoured increasing liquor and cigarette taxes to raise money, and also supported cuts in social programmes.

The economists were not very

efforts, led by Treasury Secretary James Baker, to stabilise the value of the dollar through coor-

dinated efforts with other countries. They contended that market forces should be allowed to establish the proper selling price for the dollar.

The economists were nearly unanimous in predicting the dollar would fall further next year, with half of them forecasting the decline would be steeper than 10 per cent. The dollar has fallen by almost 50 per cent in value since

The economists expressed sub- optimistic about administration February 1985. Economic cooperation between Arab World And Europe to be stepped up

BONN, West Germany (OPEC- action had earlier enabled Arab NA) - Arab chambers of commerce and industry have agreed to approach European trade and economic bodies on a joint basis to secure the optimum benefit for the Arab World and avoid needless competition.

According to Mr. Burhan Al Dajani, director general of the Federation of Arab Chambers of Commerce and Industry, joint

chambers to move into new economic areas and defend Arab interests in the West.

In a press statement at the end of the annual meeting of the Arab-West German Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, he said the occasion had brought together Arab and German business and industry. Outlining the Arab-German

federation's work, he said it aimed to employ geographical proximity and the mutual interest factor between the Arab World and Europe in order to enhance economic growth in the Arab

Mr. Dajani said the federation was ready to streamline the flow of Arab petrochemicals into European markets and look after the interests of Arab banks.

Europeans and New Zealanders head world's fluid milk drinkers, study shows

WASHINGTON (AP) - No milk projected in 1988, more than matter how much milk Amer-Europeans and New Zealanders who keep guzzling more.

According to projections by the U.S. Agriculture Department (USDA), the average consumption of fluid milk by Americans next year may be 110.5 kilogrammes, down slightly from this year. That's about 28.3 gallons per person, allowing for 3.9 kilogrammes for each gallon.

The 1988 average per capita for the 12-nation European Community (EC) is expected to be kilogrammes of milk, or about 23 gallons. However, within the bloc are several world-class milk guzzlers: Ireland, 173.1 kilogrammes; Netherlands, 131.5; Denmark, 124.8; and the United Kingdom, 120.8.

Countries that pull down the EC average include: Belgium-Luxemburg, 59.5 kilogrammes; France; 89.9; West Germany, 58; Greece, 88.3; Italy, 80.2; Portugal, 60.8; and Spain, 94.8.

But some of the other West European countries are the real leaders when it comes to per capita milk consumption. Norway leads at 207.6 kilogrammes of million tonnes in 1988, up from eight million.

icans drink, there are millions of include: Austria, 161.1 kilos; Finland, 166.7; Sweden, 163.2; and Switzerland, 114.4.

> In New Zealand, one of the world's major dairy producers. per capita milk consumption is projected at 144.8 kilogrammes. or about 37 gallons, next year. The Soviet Union, which is the

world's leading milk producer, was projected at a per capita consumption of 93.6 kilogrammes, or about 24 gallons, in 1988.

Some of the smallest per capita levels in the countries listed are in Asia. Milk consumption in China next year was projected at three kilogrammes per person, or slightly more than three quarts.

The per capita milk consumption figures include only fluid milk and do not take into account butter, non-fat dry milk and other manufactured products. Also, as with most USDA per capita statistics, those are averages derived from production and population

In terms of overall milk output, the 38 countries listed are expected to produce around 421.7

419.2 million tonnes this year but 53 gallons per person. Others still shy of the 1986 record of 424.2 million tonnes.

A tonne is about 2,205 pounds and is the equivalent of approximately 256 gallons of milk, which weight 8.6 pounds per gallon (3.8

The Soviet Union, as the biggest single producer, is expected to turn out 104.9 million tonnes of milk in 1988, or about 26.9 billion gallons.

Comparatively, the United States, in the No. 2 slot, was projected at 65.3 million tonnes of milk, around 16.7 billion gal-

But the collective production of the EC may be about 107.2 million tonnes of milk in 1988. approximately 27.4 billion gallons, with France and West Germany accounting for almost half.

Other large milk producers include; India, projected at 18.5 million tonnes in 1988; Poland and United Kingdom, each about 15 million; Brazil and The Netherlands, each about 11.5 million; Mexico, 9.7 million; East Germany, 9.45 million; and Canada and New Zealand, each

Ceausescu admits Romanian problems BUCHAREST (R) - President pres, he conceded that produc-

Nicolae Ceausescu, beset by re-tion and trade targets had not ports of worker unrest, opened a been met in the first two years of special congress of Romania's the 1986-1990 plan, and said "reruling Communist Party on Mon-solute measures" must be taken. day with promises of more pay and a call for resolute action to meet production targets.

by the official news agency Ager- matters related to the complex

"The communists, the entire people... expect (the conference's) resolutions to supply In a marathon speech carried answers and new orientations in

domestic and international problems," said the 69-year-old presi-

The remarks amounted to a rare admission from President Ceausescu that all is not well, and that new ways might be necessary, in the country he has ruled with an iron hand for over 20

Dollar edges down again

Gold breaches \$500 level

LONDON (R) — Gold jumped to trade above \$500 an ounce for the first time in nearly five years on Monday as the dollar edged down again to record

was quiet and dealers said that could exaggerate price movements in all markets.

As the dollar eased, sliding 0.75 pfennig and one yen to hit record lows of 1.6230 West German marks and 127.35 yen, more investors decided it is now time to move out of dollar assets.

"It is the old flight to quality, the flight from financial assets to tangible assets, that boosted gold," said Mr. Robin Bhar, an analyst at commodity brokers Rudolf Wolff and Co, in London.

"Buying started in the Indian subcontinent," he said. "Gold slowly and slowly edged up, then, once above \$500, jumped \$2 in less than five minutes. Everyone piled in."

Bullion, which was last quoted above \$500 an ounce in February, 1983, traded on Monday as high as \$503, up nearly \$10 from Friday's close. Its record high of \$850, in January, 1980, came at the height of the crisis over American hostages held at the U.S. embassy in Tehran.

It was fixed in London on Monday morning at \$502.75. But its value against other currencies

Shares eased too, but trading was still far below its 1983 level back then, the dollar was worth about 230 yen, 2.4 Deutschemarks and 2.1 Swiss francs.

The dollar's current weakness — it also hit record lows of 1.3225 Swiss francs and 1.8265 Dutch guilders, and lost half a cent to trade as low as \$1.845 to the British pound sterling — depressed share prices.

"The dollar is the problem," said Mr. Martin Peterick of brokers S.G. Warburg in Tokyo, where the 225-share Nikkei index fell 109.53 points, or 0.48 per cent, to close at 22,926.28.

London's blue-chip barometer, the FTSE 100-share index, eased 10.4 points to a morning low of 1,641.2. Paris shares eased. In Zurich, the All Share Swiss index slipped 4.6 points to 744.1, while Milan's MIB index was down one

Frankfurt's Boersen-Zeitung 30-share index opened 1.36 points lower at 272.17.

"Prices are holding up despite the weaker dollar," said one dealer. But, he added: "There are no orders. Prices are being set without any trend.

ing on economic activity abroad ... and potentially inflationary in the United States," Mr. Volcker said in an interview with American Broadcasting Corp. Investors fear a weak dollar

lightly-traded markets often see

sharp, sometime exaggerated.

"The dollar lost nearly five per

cent of its value in the Christmas

Currency dealers remain unset-

tled - many see last Thursday's

U.S. trade deficit for October,

which has pushed the dollar down

to record lows for three straight

sessions, as a signal that the

And in stock markets outside

the United States, investors see a

weak dollar as bad for business.

chairman of the U.S. Federal

Reserve Board, whose comments

have often moved financial mar-

kets sharply, said on Sunday the

dollar had already fallen too far.

have the dollar fall at this point

because I think it can be depress-

"I don't think it's helpful to

Mr. Paul Volcker, former

dollar will keep sliding.

news of a record \$17.63 billion

period last year." he said.

price movements.

will hurt European and Asiar. companies that export to the United States. It should also heir their U.S. competitors, giving them an edge when converting dollar prices into other curren-But, said a currency dealer cies.

Greeks stage general strike today

ATHENS (AP) — A nationwide strike called by the Greek General Confederation of Labour (GSEE) for Tuesday to press the Socialist government to ease its austerity measures, is expected to paralyse public and private services and bring transportation to week. a hait.

It's the second general strike called this year by the GSEE

school teachers were expected to heed the call by the GSEE for the 24-hour walkout. The strike is designed to press the government to ease up on its two-year-old austerity programme, grant im-

since February. About two million public and private sector employees including

mediate pay hikes and increase fringe benefits.

would continue for the next 48 hours. Public cashiers who have been on strike for the past two weeks, said they would extend their walkout till the end of this Olympic Airways, Greece's

strike Monday and announced it

national carrier, announced on Monday that all its domestic and foreign flights would be cancelled.

Foreign airlines operating out of Athens international airport were taking a wait-and-see attitude especially on their incoming flights.

A Swissair official said he their flights transiting Athens for pass the 1986 rate.

Postal workers started their other points to land here. "But the situation looks grim at the moment since the control tower employees were also scheduled to participate in the walkout," he added, asking that his name not be used.

> Premier Andreas Papandreou said last week that the spate of strikes hitting the country "are unjustified and a serious threat to the nation's economy."

The government had pledged to sharply reduce inflation this year down to ten per cent from 16.9 per cent last year, as part of an economic stabilisation programme. But official figures released in November indicate that hoped the situation would im- inflation has already reached prove enough to permit some of almost 15 per cent and may sur-

Cyprus boasts record tourism income

rus so far this year, pushing tourism earnings up to an expected all-time high of 300 million pounds (\$660 million), tourist board president, Mr. Christos

Georgiades, said Monday. That marked a 19 per cent increase in tourist entries over the same period last year in the Greek Cypriot part of the East Mediterranean island, which has population of only 500,000.

Earnings from tourism were the equivalent of 572 pounds

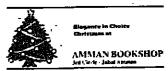
million tourists have visited Cyp- in the southern Greek Cypriot per cent, 33.1 per cent from sector, Mr. Georgiades told news conference.

He said the most important development was the promotion of winter tourism "with truly impressive results."

British tourists remained the traditional top group with 29.6 per cent of the total, followed by the Scandinavian countries, West Germany, Greece, Ireland, Switzerland and France.

The percentage of visitors from

NICOSIA (AP) - A record one (\$1,258) per head of population West Germany increased by 44.9 France, 33 per cent from Austria. 29.2 per cent from Switzerland, 70.6 per cent from the Netherlands and 129.5 from Belgium and Luxemburg after intensive publicity campaigns in Western Europe, Mr. Georgiades said.





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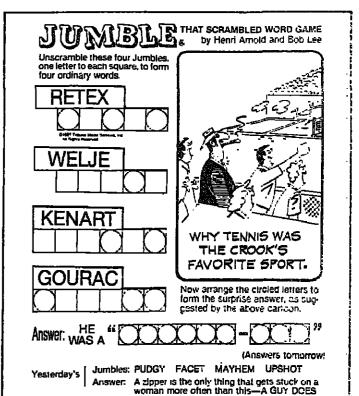


Andy Capp





"First I'm going to suck all the knowledge out of your brain. Then I'm going to reprogram you."



ASEAN summit opens with Aquino stressing Philippines' role in regional security

defend their presence against the

fierce domestic opposition ex-pected when renewal of the bases

pact comes up for discussion next

A Philippine initiative to have the bases discussed at the summit

was rejected in pre-meeting dis-

Diplomats said it had become

cance of the bases they could not

publicly say so because of links to

the Non-Aligned Movement.

in accordance with the prevail-

ing reality." Mrs. Aquino labelled the Philippine factor "part of the reality" of any discussion on

But her remarks clashed with

'Let South-East Asia be for

people of this region get on with

development and progress,"

Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk

Seri Mahathir Mohammad de-

WELLINGTON (R) - A arranged agreement between (U.N.) adjudication," Mr. Lange

But Prime Minister David

Lange told a news conference

Maj. Mafart was flown home on a

military plane after complaining of stomach pains. France had

turned down New Zealand's offer

to fly a doctor to Hao to check his

non-regional groupings.

regional security.

from remote island angers New Zealand

Wellington and Paris.

condition, he said.

those of other leaders.

MANILA (Agencies) — President Corazon Aquino opened a summit meeting on Monday with an address to her South-East Asian neighbours on the key role the Philippines played in their security because of U.S. bases on its soil.

Mrs. Aquino, disregarding an app- of the American bases to help her arent agreement to leave the bases issue to one side, opened the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit in Manila with a blunt declaration of the "Philippine factor" in the security of the whole Asian-Paci-

fic region. Mrs. Aquino made no direct reference to the huge air and naval bases maintained by the United States north of Manila but made it clear she believed their presence was perhaps the single most significant factor in regional security.

"The Philippine factor is said to have contributed to the securing of the air space and the sea lanes that are vital to the continued economic stability and growth of our neighbours," she declared.

The Philippines, protected by geography, could if it chose afford an attitude "of the coldest indifference to developments in the region," she added.

The reference diverted Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei from their major preoccupations with the Vietnamese intervention in Kampuchea and economic and trade

Political observers and diplomats here have said Mrs. Aquino wants an ASEAN acknowledgement of the regional significance

French secret agent serving time

on a South Pacific atoll for his

role in the 1985 Rainbow Warrior

bombing was flown home on

Monday without the consent of

the New Zealand government.

which expressed anger at his de-

Major Alain Mafart was meant

to have spent at least another 18

pressed for quickly turning South-East Asia into a nuclearfree zone.

The rare regional summit meeting, only the third ever for 20-year-old ASEAN and the first in a decade, began behind a security screen unprecedented even for coup-prone Manila. Manila, haunted by a succes-

donesian President Suharto

sion of bomb incidents and rumours in the run-up to the six-nation summit, was packed with troops and police on actionready red alert status.

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew won laughter and clear that although ASEAN members all agreed on the signifiapplause from the other summit participants and the hand-picked audience at the 18-minute public session when he said that none of the leaders would be in Manila if they had listened to their security Islamic organisations and other

In his address, Thai Premier Prem said ASEAN must look to Mrs. Aquino won indirect backing from Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda of Thailand political means, rather than military, to end Vietnam's intervenwho called for any military adjustments to be made over time tion in Kampuchea.

Hanoi's hold on its neighbour the main obstacle to peace and stability in the region, Mr. Prem

"Everyone now seems to agree that a political solution, not a military one, is the key to end this conflict. The problem is to agree South-East Asians and let the on the kind of a political solution," he said. the job of maintaining peace and stability for the sake of their own

ASEAN wants the withdrawal of the more than 120,000 Vietnamese troops, negotiations under United Nation's auspices on the country's future and reconciliation of the warring fac-

Both Mr. Mahathir and In-France's removal of Rainbow Warrior agent

> Maj. Mafart and another agent, Captain Dominique Prieur, were each sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment after pleading guilty to manslaughter and sabotage in connection with the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior. flagship of the Greenpeace en-

vironmental organisation, at Au-

ckland on July 10, 1985.

Hiroshima

Soviet test

TOKYO (AP) - The city of Hiroshima, site of the world's

first atomic bomb attack, has

protested a Soviet nuclear test

carried out less than a week after

the signing of a U.S.-Soviet dis-

armament accord, a city official

Hiroshima Mayor Takeshi Araki protested Sunday's nuclear test in a telegram sent to Soviet

Ambassador Nikolai Soloviev on

Sunday night, said Yuji Kodama,

In the telegram, Mr. Araki

called the test "a reckless act ...

which was carried out ignoring

the world's voices" that hailed

last Tuesday's agreement to re-

duce nuclear weaponry, Mr.

Under the accord signed in Washington by U.S. President

Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader

Mikhail Gorbachev, the super-

powers agreed to scrap their in-

termediate-range missiles with

ranges of 500 to 5,000 kilometres. rigged.

a Hiroshima city official.

protests

said Monday.

Kodama said.

months on remote Hao atoll under the terms of a U.N.-**East Germany reports over** 25,000 amnestied since July

EAST BERLIN (R) - East Ger- trial were freed before the amnesmany has freed more than 25,000 ty expired on Saturday. prisoners since July in the most comprehensive amnesty of its 38year history, the official ADN

news service reported on Sunday. ADN said the state attorney years, ADN said. reported that 24.621 people had been released from prisons and 1,753 others detained pending

"The French action is a blatant and outrageous breach of that

A further 2,741 prisoners would not have to serve their terms, while 311 people serving life had their sentences cut to 15

It called the amnesty "the most comprehensive since the establishment of the GDR" in 1949,

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

THE BEST CHANCE

North-South vulnerable, South NORTH ⊕Q1086 EAST ♣J8 7J763 ∴A42 ♣K1053 ♠Q1062 710984 0753 SOUTH

4AJ62 The bidding: South West 2 + Pass 3 NT Pass Pass 3 NT Pass Pass. Opening lead: Ten of V

When planning your play, take into account that your opponents are likely to come up with the most effective defense. Then see if you can put that fact to good use.

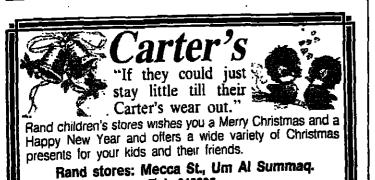
South's opening bid was artificial and forcing, and his rebid showed a balanced hand of 25-27 points. North was delighted to

West's lead of the top of his sequence is better than a spade away from the queen, which might cost a trick. Declarer could count eight fast tricks and, although he could set up a ninth trick in diamonds. it was odds-against his ever being able to use it—as long as the defender with the ace in the suit had it guarded at least twice, a holdup play would thwart use of the extra

However, the fact that the opponents would have to hold up the ace for one round meant that declarer could force an entry to dummy in diamonds. He could use that to cash a long spade if that suit split evenly. But declarer saw that playing on clubs offered a much better chance for the gamegoing trick

After winning the opening lead, declarer immediately ducked a club West's nine won and he did as well as he could by continuing with a heart, declarer continued with the acc of clubs and then overtook the jack of diamonds with the table's queen East could not afford to win that trick, so declarer used his entry to dummy to lead a club toward the jack. The defenders had no recourse.

Observe that declarer's line would succeed not only as the cards lie, but also if clubs were 3-3 or if either defender held a double ton K-Q. Or if the ace of diamonds were singleton or doubleton



Socialists deliver major blow to Martens in polls

BRUSSELS (AP) — King legislative seats, down five.

Baudouin began talks among The Socialists gained five to Baudouin began talks among political leaders Monday to form most of its legislative majority to a century. All political groups are the opposition socialists.

The sovereign received outgoing Premier Wilfried Martens, the royal palace announced.

King Baudouin accepted and asked Mr. Martens to go on as caretaking prime minister. The monarch was expected to consult later in the day with other political leaders.

The Socialists demanded a role in the next government after dealing a severe blow to Mr. Martens' coalition of Christian Democrats conservatives.

With virtually all votes counted, returns showed the outgoing coalition taking 110 of 212

leader urges

rival to quit

election race

SEOUL (AP) — Opposition leader Kim Young-Sam made a last-minute appeal Monday for rival leader Kim Dae-Jung to

drop out of presidential elections

as the government claimed it was

Kim Young-Sam said he was

the frontrunner in the race for

Wednesday's election and Kim

Dae-Jung had to drop out to ensure the defeat of government candidate Roh Tae-Woo.

"Since the general trend has

become clearer. I urge Kim Dae-

Jung in the name of the people to

drop out to ensure the termina-

tion of military rule and the

No clear frontrunner has

emerged in the first democratic

presidential election in 16 years.

and the top three candidates all

predict victory. The winner is

expected to get less than 35 per

The ruling Democratic Justice

Party (DJP) claimed Monday that

what it called neutral opinion

polls showed Mr. Roh was ahead

of the opposition candidates and

would win with about 40 per cent

DJP Secretary-General Chung

Suk-Mo claimed the polls showed

Mr. Roh with 35 per cent of the

vote, followed by Kim Young-

Sam with 27 per cent and Kim Dae-Jung with 26 per cent. The ruling party released the polls

despite a government ban on

publicising such results on the grounds they would unfairly in-

fluence voting.

Aides to the two Kims dismissed the DJP's claims, saying their

polls showed their candidates

Minor opposition candidate

Back Ki-Wan dropped out of the

race Monday after saying efforts to get the two Kims to agree on a

President Chun Doo-Hwan, a

former general who seized power

with military backing in 1980.

agreed to direct presidential elec-

tions in June after extensive anti-

government protests. He is to step down Feb. 25 in what would

be the country's first peaceful

Mr. Roh, one of the generals who helped Mr. Chun take pow-

er, has claimed he alone can

ensure democracy and stability.

day that the opposition would try

to slip phony ballots into ballot

boxes Wednesday in an attempt

to claim the elections were

The ruling party charged Mon-

transfer of power.

single candidate had failed.

cent of the vote.

of the vote.

were leading.

democratisation of the country."

pulling ahead.

reach 72 and become the biggest a new government, one day after single political group in the the centre-right coalition lost bilingual nation in more than half

split into Dutch and French-

speaking parties. Mr. Martens, 51, who has led who offered him his resignation, seven governments since 1979 on a programme of economic austerity, on Sunday termed the vote results "a clear disappointment. ...it is now the task of the monarch to start consulting" poli-

tical leaders. His own Dutch-speaking Christian Democrats were the biggest losers Sunday. They lost six seats and fell to 43, wiping out their gain in the 1985 elections.

The Dutch-speaking conservatives won three seats to reach 25, while their Francophone counterparts lost one, going to 23, and

The socialists in Wallonia, Belgium's French-speaking southern region, won five for a total of 40 seats. The Dutch-speaking Socialists held their own at 32

Together, the Socialists became the largest political grouping with 10 more seats than the long-dominant Christian Demo-

"It is important to define a new social and economic policy" to offset Martens' austerity measures "while remaining firm to defend the Francophone in terests," said Guy Spitaels, leader of the Walloon socialists.

The gains by his party, which campaigned on linguistic issues: made the formation of a new coalition more difficult because

the French-speaking Christian of a lack of common ground with Democrats also lost one to slump any of the Dutch-speaking par-

The government fell Oct. 19 after it split along linguistic lines over whether to let a militant Francophone mayor of a village along the linguistic border in Dutch-speaking Flanders remain in office despite his refusal to speak Dutch, as required by law.

Jose Happart, the mayor of Voeren, became the spearhead of Mr. Spitael's successful cam-More than seven million Bel-

gians in the nation of 5.5 million Flemings and 4.5 million Fran-cophone Walloons voted Sunday.

To topple the government over Mr. Happart, interrupting its six-year-old austerity programme was "supreme folly." Mr. Martens said on Sunday.

South Korean Bush: SDI will not block second treaty. opposition "I believe strongly in a vigor-

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Vice-President George Bush said on Sunday that while Washington and Moscow remained at odds over President Reagan's "Star Wars" defence programme he did not think it would prevent

another arms reduction pact.

Mr. Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, in their three-day summit in Washington last week, signed a treaty which will eliminate all intermediate and shorter-range nuclear Forces

Mr. Bush said that Mr. Gorbachev did not press him to say where the strategic defence initiative (SDI), commonly known as "Star Wars", might be headed under a new president, but the Soviet leader understood that he himself was a strong SDI propo-

ous SDI programme," Mr. Bush, who is the Republican Party's front-runner for the 1988 presidential nomination, said in a television interview.

Mr. Bush added he thought there would be a second nuclear arms reduction agreement before Mr. Reagan left office in January

Americans approve treaty

According to a poll published in the latest issue of Newsweek magazine, three out of four Americans think the arms treaty agreed to at the superpower summit should be ratified by the Senate, but they are about equally split on verification.

The poll was conducted by the

Gallop organisation among 507 Americans on Dec. 11, the day after Mr. Reagan and Mr. Gorbachev signed the INF treaty. The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus six percentage points.

An overwhelming 73 per cent of the respondents, all of whom were contacted by telephone, said the treaty should be approved by the Senate, with 11 per cent disapproving and 16 per cent saying "don't know," News-week said.

However, only 37 per cent said they thought the United States would be able to "ensure that the Soviet Union abides by the rules of the... treaty," Newsweek said. Another 34 per cent gave a negative response and 29 per cent said "don't know."

New U.S.-Soviet dispute brews over Nicaragua Monday that Mr. Ortega con-

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — National Security Adviser Lieutenant-General Colin Powell has warned the Soviet Union against providing advanced weapons to Nicaragua, but refused to say if the United States would respond militarily to such an action.

Gen. Powell's remarks Sunday came a day after Nicaraguan Defence Minister Humberto Ortega said his government plans to more, than double its military forces in about seven years.

Mr. Ortega linked the military expansion to what he said were U.S. plans to oust the Sandinista government through an all-out vasion. The United which supports contra rebels Ministry secretariat. fighting the Sandinistas, has denied Nicaragua's claims that an

invasion is planned. The New York Times reported Soviet and Cuban military offi-

firmed a Nicaraguan defector's statements that the Soviet Union would support the Sandinista military expansion. In most aspects, the buildup outlined by Mr. Ortega was re-

markably similar to the account given by Major Roger Miranda Bengoechea, a former close aide to Mr. Ortega who defected in Mexico seven weeks ago. Mr. Miranda was interviewed by reporters from AP and three other news organisations on Thursday.

It was the first time Mr. Miranda had spoken publicly since his defection. In Nicaragua, he had

Mr. Miranda said the plans for the expansion were worked out this past summer by Nicaraguan,

By agreement of the four news organisations that interviewed Mr. Miranda, his remarks were to have been released for publication on Monday. But after at least two of the news organisations sought comment Friday from Sandinista authorities, Mr. Ortega decided to give his own version of Nicaragua's defence plans on

Saturday. Mr. Ortega said Nicaragua plans to upgrade its military equipment with new interceptor warplanes and other arms. He did not elaborate.

Gen. Powell, the recently er, called Mr. Ortega's disclosures "incredible" and cautioned the Soviets against arming the Sandinistas with such weapons as MiG jet fighters.

Sikh gunmen

Chinese media accuse party officials of abuse of power

accused Communist Party officials of a long list of crimes on Monday, including watching pornographic films, stealing state funds, misusing land and selling scarce rail tickets illegally.

"Some party officials have misused power for personal gain such as seeking higher pay, greater selves and their families." bonuses and larger housing, taking bribes or practising bureaucratism," said Meng Zhiyuan, head of party discipline for

Peking. "Although these party members are few in number, their behaviour has infringed upon the interests of the party and the people and hurts the relationship between the party and the mas-ses," the New China News Agency quoted him as saying.

Abuse of party power and spe-

PEKING (R) - China's media ordinary Chinese are most unhappy about.

'I am just married but have no hope of a home for at least ten years," one Peking taxi driver told Reuters. "This is because there is enormous corruption among mid to low-level cadres who take many flats for them-

The farmers daily provided many examples. In the eastern province of Jiangsu, 520 party officials illegally built homes for themselves with the collusion of local departments supposed to prevent illegal occupation of farmland.

In a poor county of Guizhou province in the southwest, nine party cadres fearful of losing their posts and power in an election sold the county's only tractor, donated by the central govern-

cial privilege is one of the things ment, for 1,900 yuan (\$513).

lieved they were acting at the CIA's bidding.

Mr. Frankhauser has said he lied to Mr. Larouche about CIA sources to get his job, but Mr.

Other witnesses prosecutors

kill 2 senior policemen in Punjab

CHANDIGARH, India (Agencies) — Sikh gunmen in tracksuits killed two senior policemen out jogging on Mon-day in the worst attack on highranking officers in Punjab for five years, police said.

Three gunmen fired automatic weapons at a district police chief and a superintendent as they jogged in Patiala. Their security guard was also killed.

The victims were the highestranking officers killed by separatists in the north Indian state since

Patiala District police chief A.S. Brar and Superintendent K.P.S. Gill were jogging at a sports complex in the grounds of a former maharajah's palace when the gunmen disguised as runners opened fire.

Mr. Brar was the most senior officer killed in Punjab since gunmen shot Deputy Inspector General A.S. Atwal outside Amritsar's Golden Temple in

Nearly 1,150 people have been killed this year in Punjab where extremists are fighting for an independent Sikh state.

A senior officer in the state capital, Chandigarh, said intelligence reports showed militants planned to step up attacks on police in an attempt to demoralise the force. Eighty-one police-men have been killed in Punjab

Mr. Brar was formerly the personal security officer of Punjab police chief Julius Ribeiro who escaped an assassination attempt by extremists in August last year. Mr. Brar was killed instantly, and Mr. Gill died in a local

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2,400-year-old temple reopened in Greece

ATHENS (AP) - A 2,400-year-

old temple atop the Acropolis hill was given back to the public Sunday and its restorer awarded for eight years of arduous work. The restoration of the Erechtheion Temple, about 50 metres from the sacred Parthenon, won praised by Culture Minister Melina Mercouri. "Freed of its scaf-folding it now shines with beauty. After so many years, Greeks and foreigners can now approach it," Mercouri said. Most of the scaffolding came down in the spring. but the temple had remained roped off while restorers continued. The Erechtheion is a classic ionic temple built in 410 B.C. and dedicated to the goddess Athena. A porch on the south side of the temple is supported by the Carvatids, statues of six young girls with braided hair and ankle-length robes. Alexandros Papanicolaou, the architect in charge of the restoration, received the European prize Freir von Stein Award for his work. The award is given yearly by a Hamburg, West Germany-based foundation for exceptional achievement in restoration. Both traditional methods and modern technology were employed to remove the dangers threatening this splendid ancient temple," Papanicolaou said at the awards ceremony. According to Culture Ministry officials, the restoration cost more than 300 million drachmas (\$2.3 million). Most of the temples atop the Acropolis Hill, including the Parthenon, are undergoing restoration after being damaged by time, looting, pollution and care-less restoration.

China stages show to shame students

PEKING (R) - Official Chinese newspapers praised an "exhibition of uncivilised student behaviour" a week after undergraduates clashed with police in Peking. The exhibition of examples of student extravagance and vandalism, on display at the East China Engineering Institute in Nanjing, was intended to shame students into better behaviour. the People's Daily reported. Photographs showed windows and equipment smashed by students. and wasted food in college canteens. The paper said 2,485 kilogrammes of rice had been thrown on dining-room floors in a 10-month period. Some students did not get up until nine in the morning and took a lengthy lunchime nap while others decorated toilets with obscene graffiti. the paper quoted campus officials as saying. China has accused many of its undergraduates of being pampered and lazy and said it would replace government grants with student loans to encourage diligence. Last week several hundred students from Peking's Foreign Economic and Relations and Trade University marched on government buildings to demand better campus security and medical care after the murder of a student on their

1 in every 55 adults in U.S. on probation or parole or in jail

WASHINGTON (AP) — A record 3.2 million American adults — one of every 55 people age 18 or older — were on probation, parole or behind bars in 1986, a seven per cent increase from the previous year, the government says. The number of criminals under community supervision is rising more rapidly than the number of people serving time in local jails and prisons, concluded the study issued Sunday by the Bureau of Justice statistics. From 1983 through 1986, there was a 32 per cent increase, to 2.1 million, in the number of probationers 18 years and older, the bureau said. The number of parolees rose 33 per cent to 327,000 million. The number of inmates in prison as of a year ago was 547,000, up 25 per cent from 1983, and there were 273,000 people in local jails, up 23 per cent. In the past decade, the percentage of offenders who left prison as a result of a parole board's discretionary decision fell from almost 72 per cent of those released to just 43 per cent. The change results from increasing reliance on determinate sentencing, with a prisoner serving the full sentence the court hands down minus a reduction for good

Larouche faces trial on charges of conspiracy BOSTON (AP) - Buoyed by the has a lucrative fund-raising net-Prosecutors have scores of hauser had top-level CIA sources

conviction of a former Lyndon work. Larouche aide, the government brings the politician himself to trial this week on charges that his 1984 presidential campaign reaped millions of dollars from

Set to go on trial Wednesday with Mr. Larouche are five of his political organisations and six members of his following, including five of the politician's top

The individuals and organisa-tions, two of which are already under the management of bankruptcy trustees, also could face fines totalling more than \$2 mil-

had had little political success but

can campaign. The trial is expected to last up to six months and include testimony from witnesses with checkered pasts and bizarre tales of intimidation and pressure within the Larouche organisation, which

It isn't known whether Mr. Larouche will testify, although attorneys on both sides have said privately they believe the outspoken extremist, who has accused world leaders of being Soviet agents and urged a quarantine of AIDS victims, will not

pass up a chance to speak. If convicted of conspiracy to obstruct justice, Mr. Larouche faces up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. He is seeking the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination and has been excused from portions of the trial so he

Mr. Larouche claims the charges against him and his followers were concocted as part of a plot by the administration of President Ronald Reagan to ruin him politically because he refused to support the president's policy towards Central America.

notebooks seized from Mr. Larouche advisers that they say contain evidence of a scheme to obstruct a grand jury investiga-tion of alleged credit card and loan fraud by Larouche followers and organisations. A grand jury is a panel that decides whether a case should go to trial and, if so, which charges should be filed.

Defence attorneys point the finger of blame at the man whose name is mentioned in most of the notebook entries: Roy Frank-

The former Larouche security consultant was convicted last week of conspiring to obstruct the same grand jury investigation. He is likely to be a prosecution witness at Mr. Larouche's trial. although prosecutors have refused to confirm that.

The defence plans to try to convince the jury that Mr. Frankand that when Larouche advisers followed his instructions to destroy records and have fundraisers flee the country they be-

Larouche claims to have evidence of Mr. Frankhauser's ties with the

plan to call include defectors from the Larouche organisation, some of whom testified at Mr. Frankhauser's trial that there was intense pressure in the organisation to raise money in late 1984. That is when, the 125-count indictment alleges. Larouche fol-lowers made unauthorised charges totalling more than \$1 million against the credit card accounts of past contributors to Mr. Larouche or his causes.

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